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## Shine On, Washington College

**P**lanetary influences notwithstanding, it's easy to feel Washington College moving into the "higher orbit" we've aspired to when stars like Neal Lane, Charles Holliday, and Bruce Hornsby help us launch our spring semester. Holliday, the new CEO of the DuPont Company, inspired us toward environmental stewardship. Lane, in his first public appearance since President Clinton tapped him to be his science and technology advisor, stressed the importance of learning and discovery as we move into the next millennium. And Bruce Hornsby was, well, Bruce Hornsby. The legendary keyboard artist treated the Tawes Theatre crowd to an hour-long performance that felt like spontaneous musical combustion. The ceremony seemed perfectly appropriate on a campus where the energy is positively stellar.

This issue reflects that in many ways: in the stories about gifts and grants that pervade the Reporter section; in the shining faces of our featured students and young alumni; in the lengthy listing of recent faculty accomplishments; and in the largest, "newsiest" Class Notes section ever to appear in this publication. And if none of that is enough to make your school spirit soar,

the Portfolio featuring the Gospel Choir — the newest kid on the musical block here at WC — is bound to get you thinking heavenly thoughts about your *alma mater*.

We hope that all this upward momentum will motivate you to pick up the phone and reserve your spot at this May's Reunion. But even if you can't make it back, phone home and let us know what's going on in your part of the galaxy.

—MDH

## Letter

**W**ill someone please explain to me why I feel like an audience of one when I visit Washington College to play in the annual alumni lacrosse game? I have discussed my problem with my wife and four children (all under 11) and I can't get a sensible answer. So I am turning to alumni for help.

Take this year's alumni game in October for example. I made a concerted effort to recruit former players from my era to participate. Despite personally writing to about 30 former players, and calling nine of the "high prospects," exactly none of them bothered to show up. So what's wrong

with this picture? Here is my experience of that day. You be the judge of whether it was worth the trip.

After a four-hour drive from Wilton, CT, my family and I arrived in Chestertown at 10 a.m., an hour and a half before the big game. My wife Elizabeth took our two seven-year-olds to the bookstore and snack bar while I took our nine- and 10-year-old boys to the Lifetime Fitness Center to meet the lacrosse coaches and to watch some volleyball. The entire family enjoyed a beautiful 80-degree fall day and was treated to a generous picnic after the game, sponsored by the lacrosse parents group. I even picked up WC Lacrosse t-shirts for the entire family.

Following the picnic we found our way to the swimming pool where the kids swam and played for an hour while I nursed the various abrasions and bruises imparted by the 20-year-olds on the varsity team. In mid-afternoon, we visited Ann McLain, widow of former WC President and lacrosse fan Joe McLain, and the Williams' family, parents of

Bill Williams '76. We left campus at 6 p.m.

My personal experience that day competing against the 1997 NCAA semi-finalist team was the real highlight. I only had to lie twice about my age, only made two big mistakes that resulted in goals for the varsity, didn't get seriously injured, and was able to relive some of my past playing days at WC.

So what's not to like? It was a great family outing that included racquetball, volleyball, lacrosse, swimming, and visits with old friends on a gorgeous afternoon. It couldn't have been better.

So back to my problem. Why don't more lacrosse-playing alumni show up? If you can think of something else that might entice you back, I'd like to know. Trams Hollingsworth '75, director of Alumni Affairs, has graciously offered to accept any comments or suggestions. She can be reached at 1-800-422-1782, ext. 7849, or by e-mail at pat.trams@washecoll.edu. Otherwise, I'll see you on the field next October!

—Jay Elliot '75

## Correction

In the Class Notes section of last issue, Tony Lazzaro '87 was misquoted. Molly and Larry Brandt's '87 oldest son's name is Ryan.

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**ABOUT THE COVER:** Bruce Hornsby tickles the ivories for Washington College students before his Convocation performance. Photo by Dimitri Fotos.

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## Holliday, Lane, Hornsby Put Art And Sciences Center Stage At Convocation

**B**RUCE HORNSBY IS known for his musical versatility, but the afternoon concert he gave at Washington College during Washington's Birthday Convocation in February may have been the first time the performer ever jammed with a brass quintet. It was also the first time Washington College bestowed an honorary degree upon a pop music icon wearing jeans and a flannel shirt.

Throughout the hour-long concert, Hornsby lightened the formal occasion of academic processions and honorary degree citations with familiar chatter and some fine musicianship. True to form, he took requests, and he played something for everyone—old standards, love ballads, a Jerry Garcia tune, and "Spider Fingers," a song

about piano technique off his "Hot House" CD.

More in keeping with academic tradition, the College also honored two outstanding men in the sciences. Charles O. Holliday, president and chief executive officer of the DuPont Company, and Neal Lane, director of the National Science Foundation, were both presented with honorary Doctor of Science degrees.

Charles Holliday, representing a global organization with long ties to Washington College, was recognized for his leadership in keeping the DuPont Company at the forefront of science and technology. A 28-year veteran of DuPont, Holliday has been involved in product development, business analysis, and global marketing of Kevlar

*Three-time Grammy winner Bruce Hornsby explains his "Spider Fingers" technique to the Convocation crowd.*



PHOTO GIBSON ANTHONY

and Nomex, two synthetic fibers used in bullet-proof vests and fire protective gear, among other things.

Holliday also was cited for his company's commitment to environmental stewardship. The DuPont Company's conservation programs encompass more than 17,000 acres, with wildlife habitat programs at 23 sites around the world. In Kent County, MD, DuPont recently donated a 3,300-acre easement to preserve its Chesapeake Farms property in Fairlee as open space.

Neal Lane, who just the week before had been tapped by President Clinton as his top adviser for science and technology, was cited for his

achievements as a quantum physicist, as a teacher and academic leader at Rice University, and as an innovative policymaker charting the nation's course in science and technology advancement.

"I cannot emphasize enough what a crucial transition period this is for academic science and engineering," Lane said. "We stand on the verge of a new millennium filled with new discoveries in science and engineering that will help power our nation in the future. Unfortunately, many in the public do not understand science or appreciate the influence of science and technology in their daily lives. That is why it is up to all of us who value learning and discovery to step forward. We can send a clear signal about how our work in research and education relates directly to the challenges and concerns that face our society."

**Chad Holliday (left) noted DuPont's global endeavors to leave "a small footprint on the environment." Neal Lane recalled that even George Washington urged government support of science.**



PHOTO GIBSON ANTHONY

# Alumnus Leaves \$1.7 Million to WC

**W**ILLIAM E. Kight, a chemical engineer who worked with General Douglas MacArthur in the reconstruction of Japan after World War II, has left a bequest of \$1.7 million to Washington College. He was graduated with a degree in chemistry in 1936. At his death at the age of 84, he was still in love with the college that meant so much to him.

His bequest will create an endowed fund in memory of his parents, William H. and Mae Winning Kight. The

Kight Scholarships will be awarded to deserving students from Maryland, with a preference to those from Allegany County.

Kight grew up in Cumberland, Maryland, and was employed with the Celanese Corporation and then with Hercules Powder Company, retiring as chief analyst in 1961.

"Kight was a great advocate for Washington College, President John Toll said, "and through careful estate planning he has ensured that future generations of students will benefit from the quality educational experience he appreciated so much."

During his college days, Kight was president of the Phi Sigma Tau fraternity and was on the lacrosse and track teams. He covered sports for the campus newspaper,

worked on the yearbook staff, and was involved in creative writing and music. In 1996, at the time of the 60th anniversary of his graduation, he remarked that "the four years I spent at Washington College were among the happiest of my life."

Mr. Kight is survived by his wife, Ellen, and a stepson, Eric Fable. ▶

## Tuition Increase Is Lowest Since 1976

**W**ASHINGTON College's Board of Visitors and Governors announced in February that tuition, room and board

### HIGHLIGHTS

## College Honors William B. Johnson '40

**A**s part of Washington's Birthday Convocation celebrations, the College presented its Alumni Service Award to one of its most generous philanthropists and valued business advisers, William B. Johnson '40 of Chicago, IL. The retired railroad executive (he is chairman emeritus of Whitman Corporation, formerly IC Industries) has served as President of the Alumni Association and Chairman of the Washington College Annual Fund. He established the Rufus C. Johnson '42 Scholarship fund in honor of his brother and provided the

leadership gift for the Benjamin A. Johnson '11 Lifetime Fitness Center in memory of his father.

He is currently serving his fourth term as an alumni repre-

legacy of service to WC. Ben, who is senior vice president of Saatchi and Saatchi Business Communications, serves on the President's Advisory Council.

With the recent establishment of a charitable trust for the benefit of Washington College, Bill Johnson is one of the first members of The 1782 Society's Lifetime Million Dollar Giving Club.

In keeping with tradition the Service Award is a campus scene rendered by a student artist. Mr.

Johnson's freshman home, affectionately known as "Rat Hall," was painted by Theresa Vance '00.



sentative on the Board of Visitors and Governors and is preparing his son, Benjamin H. Johnson, to continue the family

and student fees for the 1998-99 academic year have been set at \$24,940, an increase of \$950 annually over the current year. At 3.96 percent, the overall percentage increase is the lowest in more than 20 years. The \$24,940 price includes full-time tuition, room and board charges and student fees.

"We continue to make every effort to hold our costs down," Washington College President John Toll remarked. "By keeping tuition as low as possible and making financial aid available to those who need it, we hope to enable every qualified student to benefit from the exceptional education Washington College has to offer."

Under the auspices of President Toll's Washington Scholars program, Washington College offers an automatic scholarship award of \$10,000 per year (up to \$40,000 over four years) to all accepted applicants who are members of their high school's National Honor Society chapter. More than half of the freshmen in last fall's incoming class were members of the National Honor Society.

"These students are exactly the kind of students who thrive at Washington College," Toll said. "They are smart, intellectually curious, and involved in everything from sports and student government to music and drama productions, community service, and special-interest clubs. Their scholarly abilities, examples of leadership and extracurricular involvement contribute significantly to the quality of campus life. By making Washington College more affordable for these students, everybody benefits. I am pleased that applications for next fall suggest that we'll have another exemplary freshman class," Toll said. ▶

# Goldstein '35 Gives \$1 Million

**L**OUIS L. GOLDSTEIN '35, Comptroller for the State of Maryland and Chairman of Washington College's Board of Visitors and Governors, has established a \$1 million charitable trust to benefit his alma mater, using proceeds from the sale of a 75-acre parcel of land in Calvert County, MD. The money will go into a unitrust and will come to the College after three years.

"We are grateful for Louis's generosity," said President John Toll. "In addition to this thoughtful gift, Louis has given so much else to his College. Even before he became a member of the Board of Visitors and Governors in 1957 and before he became chairman in 1980, he has always been one of the greatest advocates for the College and one of its most loyal graduates."

Because Goldstein is a state official he could not take part personally in the negotiations, whose conditions were set by the Maryland Ethics Commission. The land was sold to the Calvert County government for eventual use by a community college. ▶

## WC Students Now Study Japanese

**A**S THE international component of Washington College's curriculum grows, the College is expanding its foreign language instruction as well. For the first time, WC stu-



**Professor Maeda explains Japanese sentence structure to Margus Korgesaar '00 and Alison Giovan '01.**

dents can study Japanese.

Last semester, college officials called upon a visiting professor of American literature from Ferris University in Japan to teach two introductory sections of Japanese in addition to her classes in American literature. Nearly 30 students registered for Ayako Maeda's language classes, most of whom had no previous experience with the language. While at most schools only half of the introductory Japanese students typically return for the second semester, most of Maeda's students remain.

"The students are polite, and their interest in Japanese language and culture is bigger than I expected," says Maeda. "Several are interested in studying in Japan next year, so this is good preparation for them. By learning Japanese language, students learn Japanese culture, and they have made such good progress. By the end of the fall semester, students were able to converse on a basic level and could write using Chinese characters and Japanese syllabaries."

Washington College recently established interna-

tional exchange programs with Ferris University and Meiji Gakuin University in Yokohama, Kanagawa. Laura Biri, a sophomore intent on

a double major in English and drama, is applying to study at Ferris next fall.

"I'm really excited about experiencing a culture so different from my own," says Biri. "I'm particularly interested in Japanese art and I hope to take a course in kabuki theatre while I'm at Ferris. I'm also looking forward to having Professor Maeda there because she has been so patient and supportive of us in her language classes. I've never met a person who is more forgiving and who is such a wonderful motivator."

The cross-cultural boundaries between East and West

## IN MEMORIAM

### Kenneth H. Daly 1915-1997

**K**enneth H. Daly, a former President of Nordson Corporation and a major benefactor of Washington College, died December 6 at his home in Pinehurst, NC. He was 82.

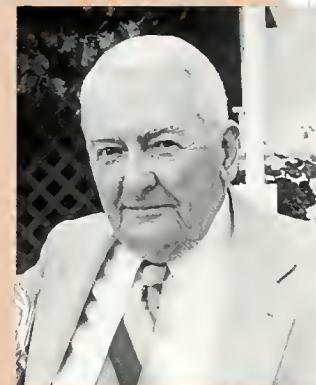
Mr. Daly and his wife, Dorothy

Williams Daly '38, were longtime friends of the late College President Dr. Joseph H. McLain '37 and his wife, the former Ann Hollingsworth '40. They were major donors to the College's Campaign for Excellence during the 1980s, helping to fund the Joseph H. McLain Chair in Environmental Studies. Most recently, the Dalys provided the lead gift for Daly Hall, a new classroom building completed in 1997.

"The construction of Daly Hall was a real turning point for Washington College, and we have benefited tremendously from Ken Daly's selfless example and his fine business sense," remarked President John S. Toll. "I consider it a great privilege to have come to know him as a colleague and friend. We at Washington College are deeply saddened by his passing."

The Dalys traveled extensively throughout Europe, Japan, Australia and other countries as Nordson expanded its international markets. Under his leadership, more than 15 subsidiaries in foreign countries were established, with more than 60 percent of company sales outside the U.S.

In addition to his wife of 55 years, he is survived by two children, Thomas and Carol.



continue to shrink, Maeda notes, and the young people of America and Japan are keenly interested in one another's popular culture. "Young Japanese eat American junk food, wear American clothes, and watch American movies. Americans like Japanese electronics and Japanese computer-generated graphics are very popular now."

Maeda, who teaches American culture in Japan, understands American icons. She wrote a book on Elvis Presley. "When I was growing up in the 1950s, Elvis was so big. He was a window through which I could see American culture. After the Olympic Games were held in Tokyo in 1964, American culture became even more prevalent in Japan."

Maeda is a scholar of American Southern writers, with two books (in Japanese) and several translations to her credit. ▶

## Student Writer Is Anthologized

**S**TUDENT WRITERS at Washington College are assured of an audience with various campus publications, but very few hit the mass national market as Eva Kaplan-Leiserson has done. This senior English major is keeping company with the likes of Rosie O'Donnell, Maya Angelou and Margaret Mead in a new book on friendship.

*The Love of Friends: A Celebration of Women's Friendship* is an anthology of stories, letters, quotations, and poems written by women of all ages and from all walks of life as a tribute to their female friends.

The book was compiled

by Barbara Alpert and was published by Berkley Books of New York.

Kaplan-Leiserson writes about her friend and "kindred spirit" Karen Kramer, a young woman she first met as a prospective creative writing student at Washington College. The two share common interests, experiences, a talent for writing, and, now facing pages in *The Love of Friends*. Kramer is a student of Barbara Alpert's at Hofstra University in New York. Alpert invited Kramer and her friend to submit their stories of friendship for her book.

"It's pretty exciting," says Kaplan-Leiserson. "I've had some of my writing published before, but nothing with such a broad scope as this."

Kaplan-Leiserson, who is writing a novella and who hopes to work with a small publishing house, says she's learned an important lesson about the power of a friendship so intense that on their rare personal visits they can easily talk until dawn. "Although we now go to schools two hundred miles apart, we will be very close friends for the rest of our lives." ▶



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## Kresge Foundation Awards Half-Million Dollars To Preserve "Bill" Smith Hall

**O**NE OF THE toughest foundations to win over has smiled on Washington College. The Kresge Foundation has awarded a \$500,000 challenge grant to complete the \$3 million restoration of William Smith Hall, the oldest classroom building on campus. To secure the Kresge grant, Washington College must raise an additional \$680,000 by September 1, 1998.

Named for the College's founder, William Smith Hall has served as the centerpiece of the campus for more than 80 years. It has welcomed three U.S. Presidents, a dozen Nobel Prize winners, and hundreds of literary and political figures.

"The Kresge grant has provided the impetus to complete this \$3 million project," remarked College President John S. Toll, "and we are honored to have won the support of this distin-

guished national foundation for the third time in a decade. The Kresge Foundation follows some of the most stringent grant-making criteria in the nation. Now with more than two-

Eva Kaplan-Leiserson is already making connections in publishing circles.

thirds of funding already secured for this important project, we are well on our way to a bright new future for William Smith Hall."

Shortly after the Kresge gift was announced, The Arthur Vining Davis Foundations responded to the Kresge challenge with a \$150,000 grant, and the Class of 1948 pledged \$75,000 toward the project as their 50th Reunion Gift. Other significant gifts recently have come from College Trustee Thomas J. Maher (\$50,000), the Thomas H. and Barbara W. Gale Foundation (\$25,000,) and Professor Emeritus Robert J. H. Janson-La Palme (\$15,000).

The College expects renovations to begin immediately after Commencement this May, so that William Smith Hall will be ready for occupancy at the start of the fall semester. ▶

## WC Receives Funds For Undergraduate Research

**T**HE MERCK Company Foundation and the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) have awarded the College a second grant of \$20,000 to support cross-disciplinary undergraduate science research. The first grant was made last year.

The terms of the grant provide that \$17,000 of the annual award is earmarked for direct support of student

research in the biology and chemistry departments and that \$3,000 support a Merck Lecture Series at the College. The series of lectures and seminars, presented by Merck researchers, familiarize students with pharmaceutical and other research that incorporates both chemistry and biology.

Recognizing that many future scientists get their undergraduate degrees from small liberal arts colleges, the pharmaceuticals giant invited Washington College to apply for the renewable grant two years ago. The College is one of 15 colleges and universities from among 140 in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic region to win this year's award.

Merck & Company of New Jersey provides the funds, and AAAS administers the award competition. The two teamed up four years ago to promote undergraduate research at the interface of chemistry and biology. The partnership formalized Merck's long-standing support of such research, aimed at encouraging students to pursue graduate education in the biomedical sciences. ▶

## A Lucky Coin, By George?

**S**ENIOR VERNON Goertz found a lucky penny. Not heads up, as any ordinary lucky penny would be, and hardly shiny and new. In fact, the penny he found isn't even a whole penny. It's a half penny.

**Vernon Goertz, a business management and economics major, found an 18th Century coin in the mud in front of East Hall.**

How's that for luck?

Well, when the half penny you find is dated 1776, and you're Vernon Goertz, it is very good luck.

Goertz was talking with a friend in front of East Hall one day during fall semester. It had been raining earlier in the day, and as he was turning to go inside, Goertz noticed a coin in a patch of eroded earth. Thinking it was a quarter that had been muddied by the rain, he picked it up.

It was when he washed the coin off that he realized he had found something unusual. The coin was eroded, but distinguishable enough for Goertz to see that it was not a quarter. Wanting to know more about the coin, he took it to Professor Emilie Amt in the history department for a closer look.

Amt and Goertz did a rubbing of the coin which helped to distinguish some details. Some features that arose were the silhouette of a head with a laurel crown, and the words Georgius Rex III. Amt directed Goertz to a coin reference book in Miller Library in which he discovered the coin's 1776 date, the half penny value, and the copper coinage.

His discovery hasn't led him to plan any archaeologi-



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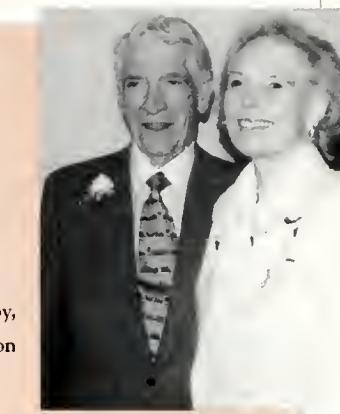
## UPDATE

### Wedding Bells

**C**ollege President John Toll and his wife Deborah hosted a reception in early December to celebrate the marriage of Former First Lady Libby Cater and Najeeb Halaby, an attorney and international aviation executive from McLean, Virginia.

Libby Cater Halaby is a member of the College's Board of Visitors and Governors who in 1990 was awarded an honorary degree in recognition of her contributions during Douglass Cater's presidency. Najeeb Halaby is chairman of Halaby International Corporation and the father of Queen Noor of Jordan. Long-time friends, Libby and Najeeb began dating after the deaths of their spouses.

Among the many well-wishers were Former First Lady Helen Gibson, former College President Charles H. Trout, and former First Lady Katherine Trout.



## Writers Celebrate 'From Bay To Ocean'

**B**OOK CRITIC Jonathan Yardley, considered by many to be among the most astute judges of literary merit, surprised no one when he cited WC alumnus James Cain (class of 1910) as one of the most underappreciated writers to come from Maryland.

Yardley, a Pulitzer-Prize winning critic for *The Washington Post*, was speaking to nearly 200 people who turned out for the first "From Bay to Ocean: A Celebration of Regional Writing" held at the Avalon Theatre in downtown Easton, MD, in February.

The day-long event drew writers, would-be writers and fans of literature from both sides of the Chesapeake Bay.

Many from the Washington College community at-

tended the conference including Professor Richard Gillin, chairman of the English Department, and co-moderator of the event and Professor Robert Mooney, the Director of the O'Neill Literary House.

Travis Hollingsworth '75 and Kristina Henry '88 hosted a reception for alumni of Washington College and Salisbury State University which was followed by a performance of Chesapeake songs and poetry performed by former WC Professor Tom McHugh, Bill Matthews '71, Sue Dunning Matthews '75 and WC music instructor Tom Anthony.

"From Bay to Ocean" was successful beyond my expectations," said William L. Thompson '70, director of the Literary House Press at WC and an event organizer. "Some people predicted a low turnout for a celebration of regional literature. Now they're asking if we're planning another one for next year." ▶

## Senior Witnesses History In Hong Kong

**L**AST SUMMER, senior Carl Nordberg got a first-hand look at history in the making—the reunification of Hong Kong and China.

The summer before, the Swedish-born international studies and economics major had returned to his home in Switzerland to intern at the headquarters of a German retailer with a subsidiary in Hong Kong.

"I knew then that if I had an opportunity to be in Hong Kong the following year, I would definitely go," he says. "The company agreed to set up an internship for me in Hong Kong, and I approached the Society of Junior Fellows at Washington College with a pro-



PHOTO: GIBSON/ANTHONY

**Senior Carl Nordberg witnessed Britain surrender Hong Kong to the Chinese.**

posal to write about the handover of sovereignty. My paper is an attempt to predict what will happen now in Hong Kong."

As the British flag was lowered and the Chinese flag was raised amid crowds of government officials, news teams, demonstrators, and security personnel, both British and Chinese people wept openly, Nordberg says. "It

was an emotional moment—the end of an era and the beginning of some uncertainty. I could feel I was a part of history."

Nordberg, who worked in the financial department of the international trading company, enjoyed the opportunity to discuss current political events and economics with his Chinese co-workers. "Hong Kong faces many economic and political challenges," he says. "It is a very expensive place to live—my room cost \$800 a month. The very rich can afford anything, and the poorer class lives outside the city with the help of subsidies, but the middle class finds it very difficult economically. Politically, however, most of the young Chinese in Hong Kong hope that nothing will change." ▶

## Field Hockey Team Makes Second NCAA Appearance

**T**HE 1997 Washington College field hockey team proved their success the previous year was no fluke. Capping a 16-3 regular season record, the team traveled to Salisbury State University to compete in the NCAA Division III championships for the second consecutive year.

Although the Shore-women dropped their game, 1-0, to Salisbury State University in double overtime, they had come a long way from that 6-0 defeat at the NCAA playoffs a year earlier.

Washington finished the season with an 8-1 record in the Centennial Conference,

### CELEBRATIONS

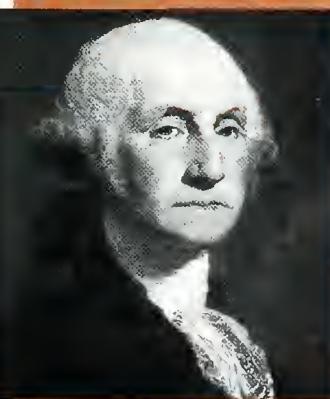
## Remembering George At Washington's College

**A**s the 200th anniversary of the death of George Washington approaches, Washington College is planning a year-long commemoration of his life and his relationship to Washington College and the Chesapeake Bay region that organizers intend will span all disciplines, from history and American studies to music and biology.

George Washington's Birthday Convocation in February 1999 will launch a series of lectures, concerts, exhibits, paintings, dramatic readings and other events that celebrate Washington College's unique position in American history as the first college founded in the new nation under the patronage of George Washington.

"Across the nation, Americans will be marking the anniversary of Washington's death in December 1999," noted Joachim Scholz, Provost and Dean of the College. "This is an opportunity for Washington College to strengthen our historic connection to George Washington and to recommit ourselves to our mission as a national liberal arts college. We want to make this celebration one that gathers and educates our college community and that involves all constituencies."

While planning is just getting underway, students already are taking inventory of every George Washington artifact on campus and Rosemary Ford, associate professor of biology, is considering planting a George Washington flower garden.



sharing the conference title with Gettysburg and Swarthmore. As a team, Washington broke records for season wins, assists and points.

Perhaps Washington's biggest win was in October against visiting Swarthmore. With that 2-1 victory, Washington Shorewomen broke Swarthmore's 22-game conference winning streak.

Washington placed six players on the Centennial Conference all-star teams. Named to the First Team were: senior midfielder Sarah Sobon, junior midfielder Mandy Paré, sophomore forward Christyl Arrabal, and sophomore defender Quincy Miles. Junior defender Veronica Ganzman was named to the Second Team, while freshman goalkeeper Toby Wilmet was an Honorable Mention pick. Sobon and Paré went on to be named National Field Hockey Coaches Association First-Team South Region All-Americans, while Miles was selected for the Second Team. ▶

## Shriver Returns To Coach

LEANOR K. Shriver '93 is the new head women's lacrosse and women's soccer coach at Washington College. After coaching stints at both Division I and Division III schools, Shriver returned to Chestertown last October to direct the women's lacrosse program and to help launch women's soccer as a varsity sport.

"I came back to Washington College for that feeling of acceptance, that sense of unconditional love that's so much in evidence here," says



PHOTO: GIBSON, ANTHONY

**Eleanor Shriver is coaching on Shriver Field, the women's competition site dedicated to her grandparents in 1995.**

Shriver. "When I ran into Dr. [Tom] An, he gave me a big hug and asked, 'When's your first game? I'll be there.' I also accepted the job because that's the last thing my sister Marion told me to do before she died. 'If you love Washington College and you want to coach, you should take the job.' So not only do I have the support of people I've known and worked with, I can imagine Marion will be walking next to me and encouraging me on the sidelines."

Shriver was a stellar student-athlete at Washington College—participating in field hockey, lacrosse, tennis, and swimming while finishing her academic career on Dean's List. She captained the women's lacrosse team as a senior and won the college's top female athlete award, as well as the Elizabeth "Bo" Blanchard Award for sportsmanship and dedication to athletics. A regional All-American in field hockey, she holds the record for defensive saves in a season (13 in 1992).

Fresh out of college, Shriver served as an assistant field hockey and women's la-

crosse coach at Kenyon College in Ohio, where she provided defensive specialization for both sports. From 1994-96, Shriver was the head women's lacrosse and volleyball coach and an instructor of physical education at Alfred University in New

York. In two years, she built a solid foundation for a new NCAA Division III program that notched its first five victories under her leadership.

Most recently, Shriver was an assistant women's lacrosse coach at Loyola College in Baltimore, where she worked under two-time national women's lacrosse coach of the year Diane Aikens.

Shriver served as the offensive coordinator for the nationally-ranked NCAA Division I program which finished the 1997 season 15-3 and placed second in the NCAA Tournament.

Since graduation she has remained an active WC supporter, spearheading a project for the improvement of the women's athletic fields and serving as a member of the Visiting Committee. ▶

## IN MEMORIAM

### Jonathan A. Taylor, Jr. '99 1970-1998

Jonathan "JT" Taylor, Jr., an international studies major and Student Government Association officer at Washington College, died January 8, 1998 after a long battle with cancer. He was 27.

At a memorial service held on campus, he was remembered as a young man of extraordinary determination, strength and courage.

"If a life is measured by the number of years it runs, then JT's was cut drastically short," Professor John Taylor remarked. "But if the measure of a life is the percentage of time spent actively and productively, then JT lived a very full life indeed."

As an officer of the SGA he strived to improve the College—urging the faculty to recruit minority professors, persuading the Board to consider an improved security system, and serving on the Honor Board. He was one of the first Washington College students to participate in the World Model United Nations programs, held last April in Budapest, and brought home the Best Delegate award from that conference. JT was a member of the Kappa Alpha Order, and he also enjoyed music and theatre.

He is survived by his parents, Jonathan and Nancy Taylor, of Burke, VA, and his many friends and classmates.



# Kerrs Commit \$1.5 Million To Washington

**T**HE GRAYCE B. KERR Fund of Easton, MD, has announced a \$1 million grant to Washington College, to be augmented by a personal commitment of \$500,000 from Sheryl and Breene Kerr, also of Easton. "We are delighted with such a wonderful endorsement of the College," said President John S. Toll. "These contributions are especially helpful because they can be used in flexible ways wherever the needs and opportunities are greatest."

President of the Grayce B. Kerr Fund, Mrs. Kerr chairs the Washington College Board's Development Committee and serves on the Executive Committee. "I feel the youth of our country are a valuable asset, to be carefully nurtured. Washington College can continue to play a vital part in preparing future generations for their roles in society. It is our responsibility to protect and ensure the future, as described in the new Strategic Plan. I am proud to be associated with the entity that continues to be faithful to the legacy of George Washington and the College's other founders," she said.

The Kerrs are well known for their charitable activities on the Eastern Shore, where Breene Kerr is Chairman of the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum.

The Grayce B. Kerr Fund, Inc. derives its origins from the Kerr Foundation, Inc., established in 1963 by Grayce B. Kerr, the widow of Senator Robert S. Kerr of Oklahoma. The Kerr Fund

Board has identified education as a continuing area of interest, with a major portion of funds each year going to projects furthering educational achievement and excellence. Other strong areas of interest include cultural activities and the sponsorship of economic and research activities to improve the information base available for public policy-making. ▶

## Beneficial Hodson Trust Awards \$2 Million for Scholarships

**T**HE HODSON Trust, one of Washington College's most steadfast benefactors, awarded nearly \$2 million to the College in December. Finn M. W. Caspersen, chairman of the Board and chief executive officer of Beneficial Corporation who administers the Trust, presented the annual gift at a luncheon in Baltimore. All of the money will be used to support scholarship programs.

Washington College was one of four private colleges

in Maryland to receive Hodson Trust grants, totaling \$6.6 million, for scholarships and capital improvements: Hood College, the Johns Hopkins University, and St. John's College are annual beneficiaries of The Hodson Trust as well.

The Hodson Trust was established in 1920 by Colonel Clarence Hodson, an Eastern Shore banker and investor. Legend has it that Colonel Hodson had car trouble in front of Washington College. After students helped him change his tire, he took an interest in the College and began supporting it with gifts of money and moral support.

Over the years, The Hodson Trust has awarded Washington College more than \$25 million. Seventy students currently receive scholarship support made possible by The Hodson Trust.

"Though the generosity of The Hodson Trust, Washington College has been able to provide a quality education to a diverse group of students," President John S. Toll said. "This year's gift supports our top priority of scholarships for able students and thus helps to ensure that Maryland's first chartered college will be educating outstanding citizens for the next millennium." ▶

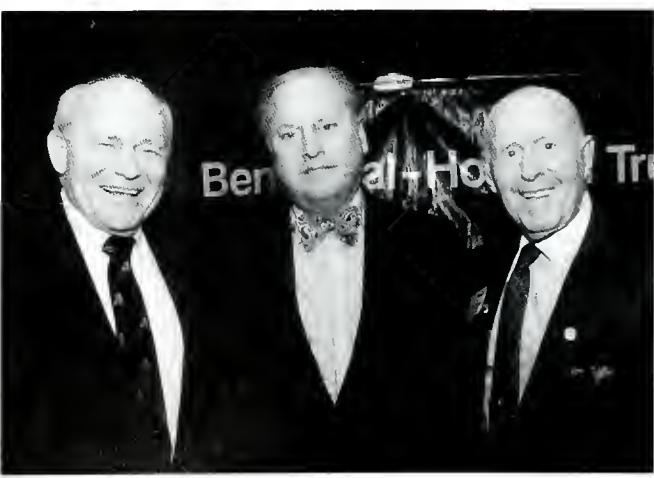


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## Nunn Joins Development Team

**N**ANCY NUNN '79 M'91, a former admissions counselor for Washington College, has returned after a seven-year hiatus to work in college development.

As associate director of development for major gifts, Nunn is calling on alumni and friends of the College to bring them current with college goals and initiatives, particularly the renovation of the landmark William Smith Hall. Just like her "old days in admissions," she is traveling the mid-Atlantic region.

"This job is fun and rewarding because I have the opportunity to see as alumni some of the students I helped recruit, and to see that they're doing so well," she says.

Before joining the College development team, Nunn was director of the Historical Society of Kent County. She lives with her husband, John Nunn '80, and two children in Worton. ▶

**Finn Caspersen (center) presented the Hodson Trust gift to President John Toll and Board Chairman Louis L. Goldstein.**

## On His Mother's Story...

"For her, her Jewish side is gone. She opened the door for me but closed it for herself long ago, and for her to crack it open and peek inside was like eating fire. She'd look in and stagger back, blinded as the facts of her own history poured over her like lava. As she revealed the facts of her life I felt helpless, like I was watching her die and be reborn again (yet there was a cleansing element, too) because after years of hiding, she opened up and began to talk about the past, and as she did so, I was the one who wanted to run for cover... I felt like a tinker toy kid building my own self out of one of those toy building sets; for as she laid her life before me, I reassembled the tableau of her words like a picture puzzle, and as I did, so my own life was rebuilt."

— James McBride, author of *The Color of Water: A Black Man's Tribute to his White Mother*, reading at Washington College, March 20, 1998



February 14th performance.

"I had already seen the play in Washington with Stephanie Powers and Robert Wagoner. This couple was every bit as good as they were — perhaps even better," said Ginny Kenworthey '53, who traveled to campus that evening from Silver Spring, MD with husband William '50. "We really enjoyed it."

Afterwards, the champagne flowed at a dinner dance in Hynson Lounge with entertainment provided by the Colin Dickson Trio.

In toasting the sweethearts, President John Toll noted that one out of eight WC students eventually marries a fellow alumnus.

"We might project that 120 of our current undergraduates are not only busy meeting their academic requirements — they are also meeting their life's love, the person with whom they may share children, careers and all of their future cares," he said. ▶

## Alumni Sweethearts Share 'Love Letters'

LOVE WAS IN THE air — and on the stage — on Valentine's Day when Mary and Kingdon Gould Jr. played opposite each other in "Love Letters" before an audience of WC sweethearts.

A.R. Gurney Jr.'s romantic comedy is the correspondence of two lifelong friends who recognize true love too late. Not so with the Goulds, who met as teenagers, have been married 51 years, and enjoy a family of nine children and 27 grandchildren.

He is a former U.S. Ambassador, she is the founder of The Columbia Bank and the former chair of the Howard County Public Health Service. The two are

also amateur actors and delighted an audience of about 50 pairs of married alumni gathered for the special Feb-



PHOTO: JESSICA BLYMAN '01

## ODK Names Smith Leader Of The Year

NATALIE DIANE Smith, one of Washington College's quiet but most effective leaders, has been named Leader of the Year for the Omicron Delta Kappa honor society's Mid-Atlantic province.

Smith, a senior from Coram, NY, was named Leader of the Year for ODK's Province II, an area that includes some of the top colleges and universities in Maryland, New Jersey, Delaware and Washington, D.C.

To win the ODK honor, which qualifies her for the national Leader of the Year title, Smith was selected over fellow ODK members from much larger and better-known institutions like Johns Hopkins University and the entire university systems of Maryland and New Jersey.

"To have one of our student leaders recognized with Johns Hopkins and the University of Maryland and some

Mr. and Mrs. Kingdon Gould Jr. were the stars of WC's Valentine's Day event for alumni sweethearts when they performed "Love Letters" before an audience of 50 alumni who married other alumni.

other institutions speaks very well for Washington College," said Dean Edward E. Maxcy, associate dean of students.

Smith, president of Washington College's ODK chapter, participates in a range of campus activities, but is best known for promoting gender and gay and lesbian issues.

Administrators and faculty who know her well describe Smith as someone devoted to improving the lot of others — a "first-rate human" one called her — without drawing attention to her work.

She is director of the Campus Climate Committee, which promotes racial harmony and combats sexual harassment, and also belongs to the minority women's group Cleopatra's Daughters and the Gay and Lesbian Alliance.

Smith also works with a campus service group, teaches middle school girls how to improve their self-esteem, and helps with a pregnancy prevention program at a local high school. She is a past editor of the *Washington College Review*, an annual publication of student writing. Smith is majoring in sociology.

ODK is a national honor society that requires achievement in both academics and campus life. Members, along with a 3.7 grade point average, must be leaders among their peers and demonstrate a commitment to service.

Smith, who has completed internships with local and state agencies focusing on preventing teen-age pregnancy, will pursue a master's degree from one of the best MSW programs in the country — University of Chicago's School of Social Welfare Administration.

"I have always known that I want to enter a helping profession," Smith said.

## PERSPECTIVES

# Getting The Scoop On Washington College

By David Healey '88

**N**A WARM September morning last year I found myself in a classroom again at Washington College. But this time I was out in front of the room, welcoming my class, teaching them about journalism.

It had been nearly ten years since I graduated, and here I was, back again, but with a new perspective. What I found surprised me, because the College had changed dramatically in the last decade. In ways that matter far beyond bricks and mortar, however, it was much the same. Gone were the muddy paths students used as shortcuts from classroom to dorm room, replaced by fine brick walkways and elegant landscaping. The old fire lane was now upscale, too, brick-paved and looking made-to-order for those full-color college recruiting catalogs. New buildings had sprung up: Daly, Harford, the Casey Academic Center.

What was the same? Faces. I was amazed by how many of the same people who had helped me along in my college career were still working at Washington College. My "old" professors could be found sipping coffee in the faculty lounge between classes and they were all helpful and encouraging. I met new faculty, too, and found them enthusiastic about the College and Chestertown. I remember running into Bennett Lamond during the second or third week of classes.

"Hello, Professor Healey!" he said. "How do you like teaching?"

"It's great," I said. "But you never told me how much work it was."

"That's because you never asked!"

"Professor," of course, was an exaggeration. I was only a lecturer, teaching just one class. At night I still went off to my newspaper job.

What about the students? I hadn't known what to expect. Several WC students had worked as interns at our daily paper over the years, but I wondered what the students would be like in the classroom.

They were great. Smart. Funny. Usually hardworking. Good writers and thinkers. More than anything else, they made being a teacher enjoyable.

As I mentioned to Professor Lamond, the job was even harder than I expected. I spent all summer preparing lesson plans for the entire semester, but the night before each class I still "crammed," going over the next day's material again, and rereading the news stories students had written.

At first I'd been worried about being (so I vainly thought) fairly close to the students' age and took care always to wear a tie, call students "Mr." and "Ms." in class and act as "adult" as possible. I soon realized I could have shown up in T-shirt and shorts and it wouldn't matter, because ten years might as well have been a hundred in the students' eyes.

There's a world of difference between being a 19- or 20-year-old college student and being a 30-year-old husband and father with (gasp!) a mortgage. The tie was a nice touch, I guess, but it was a little like the sumo wrestler who worries that stripes make him look fat.

Looking back exclusively as an alumnus of the college—and sounding dangerously like one of those recruiting brochures—I saw so many good things on campus. New buildings. A larger and more diverse student body that was, well, interested. Faculty members who were enthused and dedicated. Not a bad place at all, I thought, to send our whirling dervish of a daughter to college—in about 17 years.

If there's one thing I learned about teaching, it's that you never quite cover everything you want to. After you shut the door and take attendance, an hour and fifteen minutes of class can seem to stretch ahead like an eternity, but it somehow flies past.

Kind of like the ten years since I'd been sitting where the students were.

*David Healey, an associate editor at the Cecil Whig newspaper in Elkton, MD, taught journalism last semester as a lecturer in American Studies.*

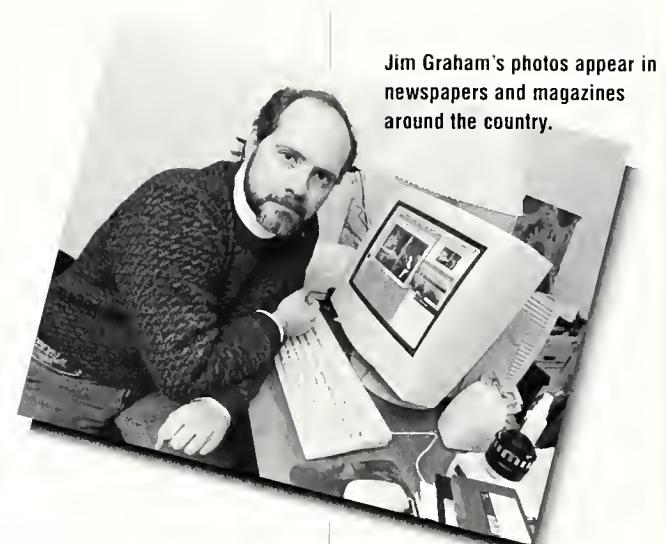
# Jim Graham Photographs With A Painter's Eye

JIM GRAHAM '81 DOESN'T LIKE TO BE portrayed as a particular type of photographer. He'll shoot just about anything, from sports and breaking news, to gardens and furniture. No celebrities, please, but he will shoot the fox, with the hounds in hot pursuit.

In fact, it was his series of shots from *The Hunt* about Nancy Hannum, Master of Hounds for more than 50 years, that landed Graham a two-page spread in the 1998 Photography Annual of *Communication Arts*. He was one of 150 photographers whose work was chosen from 7,400 entries.

What does such national recognition mean? "It means I can do more of the work I like to do, and it boosts what I'm able to charge," Graham says. "It helps establish my name as a proven photographer. As a result of that exposure, I've gotten calls from California and Australia."

Based near Wilmington,



Jim Graham's photos appear in newspapers and magazines around the country.

DE, Graham already counts among his clients *Sports Illustrated*, *Delaware Today*, and *Colonial Homes* magazines as well as the Brandywine River and Winterthur museums. He travels to Philadelphia, New York, and North Carolina and freelances for the Associated Press.

What he does best, he says, is document people and places, particularly those with a connection to history and tradition, those things

tiered to the land.

"I grew up in Chadds Ford and Unionville [Pennsylvania], and had Jamie Wyeth as an art teacher in fourth grade," he says. "I admire the Wyeths' work tremendously and one of the reasons I enjoy working for the Brandywine Museum is because of their commitment to land preservation. For me to be able to photograph those landscapes is very important."

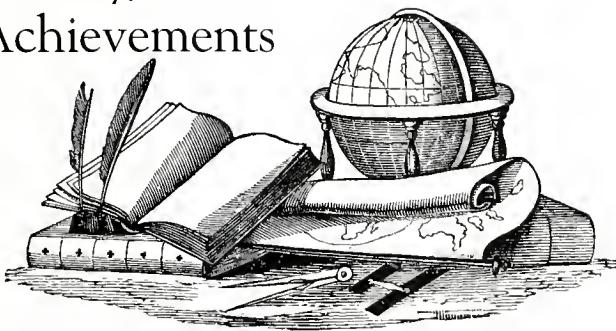
"And I like the notion of getting a feel for my subject," he continues.

"Jamie Wyeth once said that he couldn't just sit down and paint a picture of someone. He has to get to know that person, see them in different lights. I feel the same way about my work. I'm using the camera in the same way an artist uses a paint-brush."

**This photo of hounds with a nose for the huff was one of five Jim Graham photos featured in *Communication Arts*.**



# Faculty/Staff Achievements



EMILIE AMT, associate professor of history, signed a book contract with Broadview Press to edit an anthology entitled *England in the Middle Ages, 1000-1500: A Reader*. She also served as commentator for a session entitled "William Longchamp: Loyal Officer or Monster?" at the Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association.

EDGARDO BUSAGLIA, assistant professor of economics, received the medal "Order of Francisco de Miranda" from the government of Venezuela for his contributions to the science of social development. He also published an article entitled "An Economic Analysis of Corruption in the Public Sector" in the World Bank's *Annual Proceedings on Development Economics*.

ALICE BOWDOIN BALDWIN'S short story, "Dear Sir or Madame," was recently published in *Back Home* magazine.

MARTIN CONNAUGHTON, assistant professor of biology, has published an article in the *Journal of Experimental Biology* related to his work on the form and structure of weakfish.

FRANK CREEGAN, professor of chemistry, presented a

poster in the Chemical Education section of the National Meeting of the American Chemical Society.

LISA DANIELS, assistant professor of economics, had her article "The Contribution of Small Enterprises to Household and National Income in Kenya" accepted in *Economic Development and Cultural Change*.

ROBERT FALLAW, professor of history, published an article on Chesapeake boat builders in the early Republic in *American Neptune*, and a review essay on the Chesapeake Bay in the War of 1812 in the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum's *Weather Gauge*. He also gave a talk on the American Civil War at a meeting of the Delaware State Library Association and spoke on "Colonial Maryland and Colonial America" at the Maryland Elderhostel meetings in September and October of 1997.

RICHARD GILLIN, professor and chair of English, moderated at a conference on regional writers entitled "From Bay to Ocean: A Celebration of Regional Writing."

LISA GRAHAM, lecturer in German, presented a paper entitled "The Grammaticalization of Conjunctions in

Old High German" at the Mid-America Linguistics Conference in Columbia, MO.

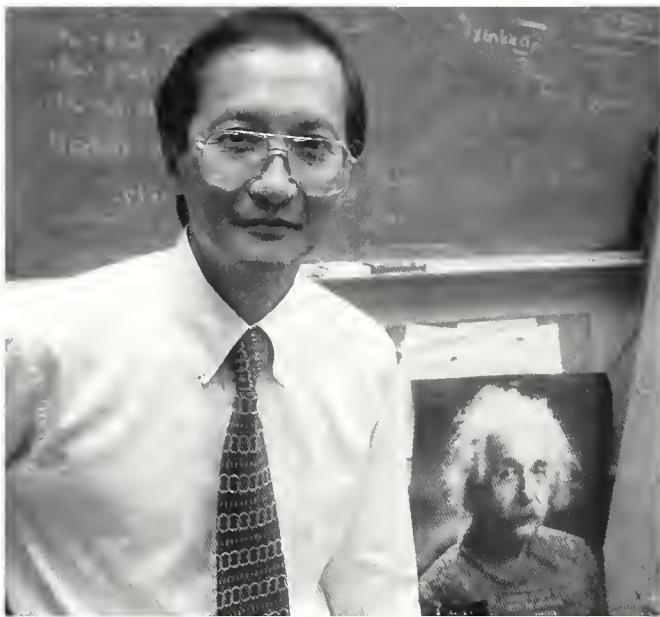
AUSTIN LOBO, assistant professor of mathematics, co-authored an article entitled *Distributed Matrix-Free Solution of Large Sparse Linear Systems over Finite Fields*, to be published shortly in *Algorithmica*. He also has been the recipient, together with two other scholars, of a National Science Foundation grant in the amount of \$18,000 that will enable the grant recipients to travel to lab facilities in Grenoble, France, during the next three years.

VALÉRIE LOICHOT, assistant professor of French, presented a paper entitled "Renaming the Name: Glissant and Walcott's Reconstruction of the Caribbean Self" at the Midwest Modern Language Association in Chicago in November 1997.

DONALD McCOLL, assistant professor of art, presented a paper entitled "To 'uphold the laws and customs of our fathers': Judicial Functions of the Early Modern Fountains at Fribourg," at an international conference sponsored by the University of Western Ontario. He also contributed several entries on late medieval through Baroque works



Thomas Cousineau, professor of English, spent part of his winter break on faculty exchange at the University of Artois in France. He gave lectures on James Joyce's "Dubliners" and "A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man" and spoke to a doctoral seminar on translation theory on the subject of Samuel Beckett as a self-translator. In addition, he gave two public lectures: "Male Rivalry in *The Great Gatsby*," and "Metatheatrical Elements in *Waiting for Godot*." Professor Raymond Ledru, the chairman of the English Department at Artois, will visit Washington College this spring to complete the faculty exchange. Professor Cousineau's book-length manuscript, "After the Final No: Samuel Beckett's Trilogy," has been accepted for publication by the University of Delaware Press.



**Juan Lin, associate professor of physics, co-authored an article on the dynamics of cocirculating influenza strains, published in the *Journal of Mathematical Biology*. He also received word that his article *Selection-maturation process of RNA viruses* has been published in the journal *Physical Review*. Lin co-authored the article with Washington College student Amal Aatil.**

to Jenny Squires Wilker, ed., *Masterworks for Learning: A College Collection Catalogue*, CD-ROM, Oberlin, OH, 1998. In addition, he gave a talk on "Unclean and Loathsome Spirits? The Earliest Christian Art" at Emanuel Church, Chestertown, in February.

DONALD MUNSON, professor of biology and director of environmental studies, published an article entitled "Acanthamoeba (Protozoa: Acanthamoebidae) as an Indicator of Sewage Pollution in Bermuda Inshore Waters" in the *Proceedings of the Second Marine and Estuarine Shallow Water Science and Management Conference* and delivered a paper entitled "Preliminary Investigation of the Incidence of Cyst Forming Gymnamoebae in Soil and Sediment Samples from Ecuador" at the annual meeting of the American Microscopical Society and the So-

ciety of Comparative and Integrative Biology in Boston.

Last summer, SEAN O CONNOR, professor and chair of education, presented a paper on "Performance Assessment and Assessment as Learning: A Case Description," at the international conference of the World Association for Case Method Research and Application in Scotland. He then traveled to Australia to serve as Educator-in-Residence at the Graduate School of Management at the University of New South Wales and visiting lecturer at the Educational Research and Advisory Unit at University of Canterbury in New Zealand.

CHRISTINE PABON, associate professor of French, presented a workshop at Landmark College dealing with effective foreign language instruction for students with learning differences.

THOMAS PABON, professor of Spanish, presented a paper entitled "Preciosa" in the English play 'The Spanish Gipsy' of 1653" at the Third International Meeting of the Association of Cervantistas, held in Menorca, Spain.

AMZIE PARCELL, professor and chair of music, recently was asked by the editors of *The New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians* to revise his article on Giuseppe Cambini for a new edition of the encyclopedia.

TAHIR SHAD, associate professor of political science, published an article entitled "Managing Ethnic Conflict: The Case of Pakistan" in *Regime Change and Regime Maintenance in Asia and the Pacific*, a series of discussion papers published by the Australian National University.

With his resonant pendulum and spring-mass system, SATINDER SIDHU, associate professor of physics, was the winner of one of six prizes given in the Low-cost Apparatus Competition of the 1997 summer meeting of the American Association of Physics Teachers.

KAREN SMITH, professor of physical education, was a moderator for a panel discussing "Dancing Through Life: From the Cradle to the Grave" at the World Congress of the International Council for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, Sport, and Dance in Seoul, South Korea.

GEORGE SPILICH, professor of psychology, wrote a case study of his own department entitled "Does Undergraduate Research Pay Off?" for the *Quarterly of the Council on Undergraduate Research*.

RICHARD STRINER, associate professor of history, reviewed John Ellis's book, *The American Sphinx: The Character of Thomas Jefferson*, for *Maryland Historical Magazine*. He also contributed an op-ed piece on "Uncle Sam's Red Ink" in the *Washington Post*.

JOHN TAYLOR, professor of political science, published "Politics, the Court and the Constitution: A Bibliographic Essay on the Pre- and Post-New Deal Supreme Court" in the *Journal of Supreme Court History*.



**Rosette Roat, professor of chemistry, presented a paper on platinum II complexes at the National Meeting of the American Chemical Society, to be published in the *Journal of the Chemical Society, Dalton Transactions*.**

# The GOSPEL Choir

Photographs by Gibson B. Anthony

**C**OLLEENA WISEMAN '99 and Brock Hayslett '00, former gospel choirmates under the direction of Raymond Petty at Potomac High School, took a leap of faith in establishing a gospel choir at Washington College, and were rewarded with some heavenly music. Interestingly, in addition to African Americans who grew up on gospel music, the choir has attracted equal numbers of white students and international students experiencing this American musical tradition for the first time. The gospel choir performs on campus and at local schools and churches.



Clockwise, from top: Gospel music lifts the spirit of singers and audience alike; Soloist Colleena Wiseman '99 gets a congratulatory hug from Sherry Robinson, a guest performer at the March 2nd concert; Petty, the music director at Potomac High School, leads a weekly rehearsal; Lalita Blue '00 catches the spirit; and, from left, Sophia Rich '01, Donita Douglas '01, Hope Glover '00 and Naomi McDaniel '01 perform.



# We Worked With ROY LICHENSTEIN



Amanda Friend '97 (left) and Susan Czechowski '95, shown here with artist Roy Lichtenstein, credit Professor of Art Sue Tessem and the intimate learning environment of Washington College for preparing them to help create art of museum quality.

THE ART DEPARTMENT at Washington College graduates just four or five majors a year, but the high quality of education they receive allows them to work side by side with some of the best artists of the day.

**L**AST SUMMER, for example, Susan Czechowski '95 and Amanda Friend '97 found themselves in the world of high-tech art in the most unlikely place. Behind the modest exterior of the old Delmarva Power terminal station just outside of Oxford on

Maryland's Eastern Shore, Saff & Company provides a team of collaborators who work with big-name artists to produce multiples of art.

What they do is not exactly printmaking, but the creation of individual pieces of art based on a single design or "mockette." The company, which evolved from Donald Saff's GraphicStudio at the University of

Southern Florida, has collaborated with Roy Lichtenstein, Rob Rauschenburg, Nancy Graves, Jim Dine, Jim Rosenquist, Jim Turrell, and other heavy hitters of the art world. As a tribute to their skilled craftsmanship, creative talent, and experimental approach with mediums and processes, the National Gallery of Art established an archive of GraphicStudio work in 1990 before

BY MARCIA C. LANDSKROENER



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Donald Saff moved his team to Maryland in 1991.

This past summer, Saff & Company had undertaken a major project with Roy Lichtenstein—a series of three still lifes that would be screenprinted on aluminum honeycomb panels and then hand-painted and signed by the artist. In order to produce the three sets of multiple panels, the team of artists at Saff needed additional manpower. Fast. Along with the Rhodes School of Design and the Maryland Institute College of Art, Saff contacted Sue Tessem, an old friend from their days at University of South Florida and chair of the art department at Washington College. Tessem recommended Czechowski, a graduate student in the print department at Syracuse University, and Friend, a senior art major with plenty of screenprinting experience. Both young women passed the interview process with Patrick Foy, Saff's master printer, and were put to work.

"The other schools we approached had a lot of red tape to go through to set up an internship and just weren't as responsive as Washington College," remarked Susannah Patrick, whose job it was to find some help for Saff's team. "We knew that as students of Sue Tessem the students were well trained, and Washington Col-

lege made it easy for us."

Why not? Czechowski and Friend agree that it was "an amazing experience" actually to work side-by-side with an artist they had studied in studio art classes, to make art that would be shown in galleries and museums, to have their names listed as collaborators with Lichtenstein in the catalogs. With the sudden death of Lichtenstein last November, the time they spent with him became even more precious.

"When Amanda and I first met Roy Lichtenstein, he was so humble," Czechowski recalls. "He treated us as equals. It was such a learning experience to work in an environment like that."

Friend agrees. "We met for lunch in Easton, and he stuck his hand out to me and said, 'I'm Roy Lichtenstein.' Like I didn't know who he was! He was funny and extremely witty. Back at Saff Tech Arts I was amazed by his energy, and he had complete confidence in us. At that time he was perfectly healthy. It's a tragedy that he never got to finish this project."

On that summer day, Lichtenstein added the brush strokes to the first in a series of three still lifes he had conceptualized back in his New York studio. Before his arrival the crew at Saff had been busy preparing the panels and pre-

**The workshop at Saff Tech Arts was a beehive of activity when Roy Lichtenstein came to apply the final handpainted brushstrokes to the first 50 panels that Amanda Friend '97 and Susan Czechowski '95 had helped to screenprint.**

paring the equipment they would need to complete the project.

Saff Tech Arts is as much about process as it is about art. For the Lichtenstein project, the crew had to construct the printing table especially to accommodate the dimensions and

thickness of the aluminum panels. Because the screen was so large, one person couldn't handle the squeegee. Patrick Foy devised an arm that attached to one side of the table so the squeegee could be pulled evenly. The team of artists also had to figure out how to physically handle 150 panels. They built a wooden holding rack that would keep the panels separated and protected as they dried.

For earlier projects, the Saff Tech Arts crew has had to machine press a swirled pattern design on stainless steel for Rob Rauschenberg, install a movement sensor for Rob Rauschenberg's windmill, find a foundry to cast the aluminum for Lichtenstein's "Twisted Sister," and decide how to bronze-cast a sunflower for a Nancy Graves sculpture.

"Saff Tech Arts represents innovative technology," says Czechowski. "They're always exploring and experimenting with materials and process, and coming up with ways for artists to be more prolific."

At the end of the summer, when Czechowski returned to Syracuse to finish her master's degree, Friend stayed on at Saff Tech Arts—this time in a paid position—to finish framing the Lichtenstein panels and to experiment with other printmaking techniques. She's considering going back to school to study design, but for now she's happy to continue "pushing the artistic envelope" at Saff.

"It's a myth that artists create in a vacuum," she says. "At college, I was always taking my work to my friends or to Sue Tessem and asking what they thought, or asking advice on how I might use fabric so it doesn't look like fabric. Collaboration of the kind that goes on at Saff Tech Arts is artistic creativity at its best." ▶

# Local History comes to LIGHT

LOCAL HISTORIAN KAREN CURTIS-SOMERVILLE SET OUT TO  
preserve and promote the history of blacks in Kent County who worked  
the land, built communities, and raised families with faith and love.  
She brought her exhibit of photographs and artifacts to Washington College's  
Miller Library to commemorate Black History Month.

**W**HEN A SINGLE MOTHER removed her two children from the street influences of Chestertown and returned to her family's country home five miles away in Worton, she found more than privacy and peace of mind. She uncovered the pride of a community, the heritage of a people whose ancestors were so much more than slaves. Growing up, Karen Somerville-Curtis knew the strength of her own family, and she recognized how desperately today's young people need that sense of belonging.

Her greatest success in life, she says, is not founding the African American Heritage Council, or singing gospel music, but in raising two children in what society considers "the projects," without them doing drugs or getting into trouble with the law. Her daughter Nicole just turned 17. Tragically, her teenaged son Robert was killed in a car accident last year. As they were growing up, her children found what Curtis calls "an innate respect for life and for themselves" by spending summers and weekends at her mother's Worton Point home, up the road from the 12 and a half acres that were deeded to the Freemans (Karen's paternal great-grandparents) after the Civil War. Today, she makes her home on that plot with her husband, James Curtis.

"As a child, I used to walk down that long lane every day to my grandmother's house," Curtis remembers, "and in spring-time the grass would take on the freshest color of green. I said to myself that I'd have my house there someday. From my lips to God's ears—that's why I enjoy living there so much."

When the people of Worton Point wanted to build a new church to replace the rickety old St. George Church which has served as a community anchor since 1889, Curtis knew the dream she had carried in her heart for so long had found an outlet. She set out to create an exhibit of local history that would encourage members of the African-American community to more fully appreciate their own past. At the same time, she hoped her exhibit would help put to rest once and for all any lingering racial discrimination within the white community.

"Appreciation is way past due," Curtis says. "As African Americans we've always wanted it and have known that we deserved it. Discrimination is disappointing, degrading, and humiliating not only to those who are the target, but to those who have participated in any way. Especially today—people should know better! Bringing our history out in the open gives people an opportunity to see how much the African Americans have done for this county. It gives young people

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**Minnie L. Carter, Andra as Grandmother**  
Minnie L. Carter (born 5/1918) was born  
in 1918. Her mother was a Minko Native  
from Muscatine, and her father was a  
Winneshiek Indian. She is a Native  
American descent. She married  
Romero Jewel (from Edgewater, 1938)  
and had children: Rebecca, Jerry,  
Dale, Joseph, Phillip, Isaac, Peony,  
Lorraine, Alice, Louise, Gentle, and Dale.  
She has 10 grandchildren and 16 great  
grandchildren. She has been married  
for 60 years. She has been a member  
of the Lakota Society, Lakota.



Photos, clockwise from above left;  
**Sarah Freeman** (photo c. 1870) was Karen Somerville-Curtis's great-grandmother. Sarah Freeman was born approximately 1845. At that time, a significant Native American population remained in the Green Point, Worton Point, and Butlerstown communities, and Sarah Freeman's facial features bear evidence of that ancestry.

**Milkie Phillips** (photo c. 1875), along with her sister Sallie, were slaves on the Gale Plantation, now known as Andelot Farms. Her name appeared in a 1864 census as a slave for life. After the Civil War, she and Sallie, along with hundreds of other Kent County slaves, were set free.

**George Hynson** (photo c. 1918-1920), Harriett Hynson's Uncle George, described by her as "a singing and prayer meeting man," was one of Harriett's 17 uncles. He lived in Worton Point until dying of pneumonia as a young man.

**Ester Johnson** (photo c. 1918) was the child of Lillian Johnson, and Miss Clara Anderson's great-niece, of Still Pond.

This unidentified photo of an elegant lady on Broadway is from the estate of Perry and Clara Anderson of Still Pond. This photo and the one above were given to the African American Heritage Council by Bertha Cotton.

an opportunity to reflect on their ancestors as builders, farmers, community leaders, God-fearing, loving people—not just as former slaves."

In launching the St. George Heritage Weekend, Karen Somerville-Curtis asked her neighbors to look through their attics for old family photos, to go through their sheds for things that their grandparents and great-grandparents might have used. In addition to some stunning photographs, the people of Worton Point turned up boot jacks, tools, washboards, cups, an old iron, a rocker, and other artifacts of daily life in the late 19th century. She also began asking some tough questions.

Who are you? Where did your family come from? What role did your family play in forming the African American community of Worton Point (formerly known as Newtown) and influencing the history of Kent County? And what are you willing to share so that others might know the road we've traveled?

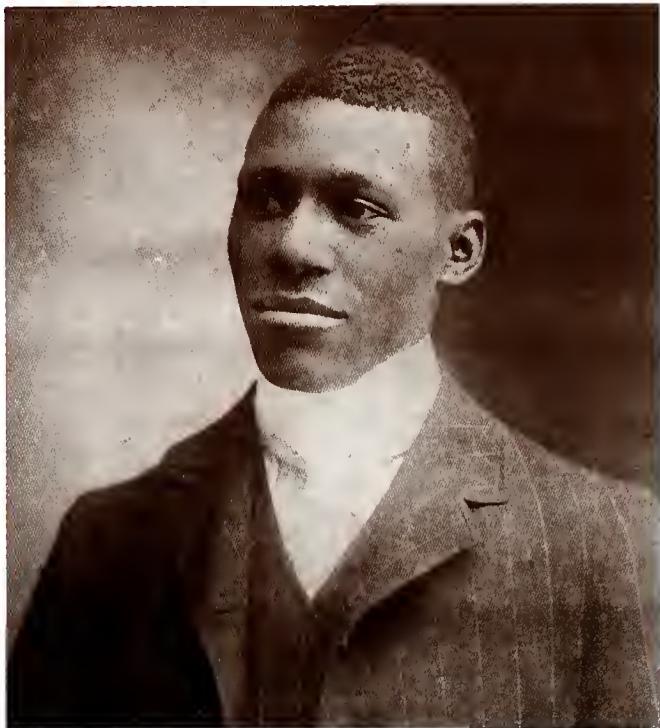
Through persistent coaxing and cajoling, Curtis has gathered dozens of old photographs and the stories that go along with them. Soon, she hopes to compile the photos and stories into a book. For now, she offered to share a few with the *Washington College Magazine*.

Mrs. Harriett Hynson, a Worton Point matriarch who at the time of her death in 1996 was the oldest member of St. George Church, was one of the first to respond to Curtis's call. Her family ancestors, along with the Freemans and the Worrells, had all worked on the nearby Gale Plantation—what is now Andelot Farms. After the death of the white landowner—Sarah Pearce

Freeman—the families remained on the land until after the Civil War, when they were able to acquire the land themselves.

In another part of the county, one African American community traced its roots to 17th century England. The community of Caulktown (also known as Corktown) was established at Morgnec Creek by Joshua Caulk, a free black man who emigrated from England in the early 1600s. Mrs. Dorothy Taylor Campher, a descendant of Joshua Caulk, remembers that her mother (born in 1877) worked for a family on the property now known as Trevilla Farms, where a huge orange stone with Caulk's name and birthdate (1632 or 1638) branded onto it was found. Her mother had urged her father and the boys to take the wagon, get this stone, and bring it to Joshua Chapel where Caulk was buried. He never got it, and the stone has disappeared, but the story of the stone has been passed down.

With the founding of the African American Heritage Council in March of 1995, Curtis brought to light a fascinating history of just one segment of Kent County's free African American population and created a model program that she hopes others in Kent County's black communities will emulate in order to discover and celebrate their own histories. There are stories just waiting to be told, she says, of families from the Chestertown-area settlements of Morgnec, Butlerstown, Coleman/Still Pond/Big Woods, and from the Rock Hall communities of Edesville and Sharptown.





"What amazes me, time and again, is how much of the past people are holding onto," says Curtis. "When people see that others are also holding onto these family things for their sentimental value, they realize there is also some value to the community at large that causes them to appreciate their past in a new way. I used to say that the African American culture was being lost. Well, it hasn't been lost, but it's been hidden."

Three years after its first unveiling, her exhibit of African American family photographs is gaining a wider audience, and has encouraged other initiatives to preserve local African American history. There is movement afoot to create an African American Cultural Activities Museum. The proposed site is the old Centennial Lodge on Queen Street, headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR). This project is being spearheaded by Calvin Frazier, Commander of American Legion Post 143.

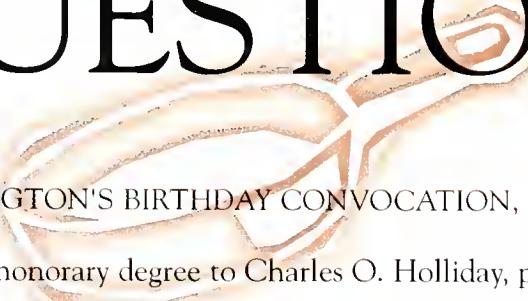
Still another project is underway to erect a monument honoring African American veterans of the Civil War. Last summer, several African American youths from Bethel AME Church, under the direction of the Maryland State Historical Trust, conducted an oral black history project that resulted in the publication of *Chestertown: Then and Now*. ▶

**Morgan Caulk, left, (photo c. 1880) was a descendant of Joshua Caulk who first settled Caulktown. She bears both the family and the settlement name.**

**Harriett Hynson, below, (photo c. 1996 by Leslie P. Raimond '69), along with Karen Somerville-Curtis's 86-year-old grandmother, Corinthia Somerville, was a matriarch of Worton Point. Mrs. Hynson lived in Worton Point all her life. In addition to her own son, she raised her niece and that niece's child as well.**



# Teflon's STICKY QUESTION



DURING WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY CONVOCATION, WASHINGTON

College awarded an honorary degree to Charles O. Holliday, president and CEO of the DuPont Company. Holliday thus joined the ranks of Nobel Prize winners and inventors from DuPont among the Washington College alumni body.

P. J. Wingate '33 remembers an occasion when two DuPont scientists visited Washington College and talked about what makes polymer chemistry so tricky.

**I**N 1982 DR. ROY J. PLUNKETT, the inventor of Teflon, and his former roommate at Manchester College, Dr. Paul J. Flory, Nobel Prize Winner in chemistry (1974), were among the distinguished chemists who gathered at Chestertown, Maryland, to help Washington College celebrate its "200 years of chemistry."

After Dr. Charles Suckling, director of research for ICI in England, had delivered a talk on the invention of Fluothane, the anesthetic which had finally driven chloroform and ether from the operating rooms of hospitals around the world, there was an informal reception at the College's Hynson-Ringgold House, hosted by Ann McLain, wife of the former College President, Dr. Joseph H. McLain. I was seated at a table with Mrs. McLain, Plunkett and Flory when a lady from the Maryland Historical Society came to our table, just as Mrs. McLain was leaving to greet some other

guests. The lady historian said her name was Joan Harbon, and that she wished to meet the inventor of Teflon.

Plunkett promptly asked her to join us at our table and she accepted just as promptly and said she had a question for the inventor of Teflon. "We all know," she said, "that nothing sticks to Teflon, but if that is so how do they get Teflon to stick to a frying pan, a raincoat, or the cover on a football stadium?"

Plunkett laughed and said her question was one he heard nearly everywhere he went. "In fact," he said, "the same question was asked by someone at Washington College in 1976, the year I came here for an honorary degree."

He said he had several answers to the question depending on who asked it and how much time he would have to give an answer. "My shortest answer consists of just three words—with great difficulty—but I guess you are looking for something more than that."

"If the question is asked by a physicist, Miss Harbon," Plunkett said, "I feel compelled to say something about electron clouds around the fluorine atom, surface free energy, entropy, enthalpy and some other stuff which I don't really understand myself. So if I have a physical chemist who has won a Nobel Prize, like Paul Flory, sitting right next to me, I try to turn the question over to him. Can you take over for me, Paul?"

Plunkett grinned when he said that and looked at Flory who grinned back and said "Keep talking, Roy. You are doing fine."

Plunkett then turned to the lady historian and asked: "Do you want to hear any more about entropy, enthalpy and surface free energy?" And when she smiled and shook her head he reached inside his inner coat pocket, pulled out a small card and said: "Well, I'll try to give an organic chemist's explanation of why nothing sticks to Teflon but Teflon

can be made to stick to various things.

There were only two lines of writing on his card:



"This shows," he said, "that Teflon consists only of carbon atoms, strung together like cars in a railroad train, with fluorine atoms sticking to each carbon atom like 'quills upon a fretful porcupine' as Shakespeare put it."

The lady historian smiled at this reference to Shakespeare and I could see that Plunkett had her full attention, but it began to dwindle the longer he talked. He explained that his diagram showed only four molecules of tetrafluoroethylene combining to produce Teflon but actually there were several hundred of them in a train which was so long it would stretch on for many pages. He also said that the lines at the beginning and end of the train indicated that more cars could be hooked on.

"In fact," he said, "Teflon is never quite as simple as I have shown it here. There usually is a strange atom hooked on at the caboose position, or at the locomotive end, or even in the middle of the train, and these strange atoms can make Teflon stick to a frying pan or the nose cone of a spaceship or other things. Now all those bristling fluorine atoms keep anything else from sticking to the Teflon, but you have to get the right balance between fluorine atoms and the strange atoms, such as oxygen, to get it to stick to the frying pan, and still have the fluorine atoms repel everything which tries to stick to Teflon."

I had noticed the lady's diminished attention as Plunkett continued to talk and I thought she might soon fall asleep. Flory apparently noticed that too and he interrupted Plunkett to say: "Roy, you are beginning to talk like a first year physical chemist. Why don't you tell Miss Harbon about how soap can make oil and water mix?"

"I was coming to that," Plunkett replied, "but I thought a Nobel Prize winner could do a better job." They both began to laugh and caused Miss Harbon to laugh too and she said, "You two seem to have a lot of fun kidding each other. How long have you known each other?"

Flory said, "Ever since we were freshmen at Manchester College and they assigned us to the same room. Later on we both went to Ohio State for our Ph.D. degrees, before coming to work for DuPont."

"So you won a Nobel Prize," she said, "and Dr. Plunkett invented Teflon. Did he win a Nobel Prize for that?"

"No," Plunkett said, obviously trying to end that part of the discussion. But Flory stepped in again, and said "The answer should be—not yet. The Nobel Committee still has time to correct the mistake they have made, so far, in not recognizing the inventor of perhaps the most useful and versatile polymer ever made. You can find it in submarines deep in the ocean, in spaceships on the way to the moon. In hospitals where they do heart surgery and in the kitchen with the frying pans. However, there still is time because Einstein was nominated for a Nobel Prize about ten years before he finally won in 1921."

The lady historian said she hoped Plunkett did win a Nobel Prize because it would make a great story for the Manchester College department of public relations which could then say that Nobel Prize winners were so common at Manchester that the College had to house two future winners in the same dormitory room.

Flory seemed to think the discussion was failing to answer the lady's original question so he said, "If Roy won't tell you about how soap causes oil and water to mix I guess I'll have to. Oil and water won't mix because they are chemically so different but soap is a little like oil on one end of the soap molecule and like water on the other end. So the soap brings the oil and water together in what we call an emulsion. You can do the same thing with Teflon and whatever you want it to stick to by adding this ingredient which will stick to both the frying pan and the Teflon, particularly if you have modified the Teflon which Dr. Plunkett showed you on his card. There are hundreds of tricks of the trade for doing this, some of them patented and others just secret know-how."

The lady's attention clearly began to falter again and Flory said "You have to remember, Miss Harbon, that one reason why we haven't done a very good job of telling why nothing sticks to Teflon but Teflon can be made to stick to a frying pan is that chemists speak a kind of jar-

gon which other people have trouble following. It is what George Bernard Shaw had in mind when he said all professions are conspiracies against the laity. Roy gave you his short answer in three words and it is just about as good as the longest one, lasting three hours, would be unless you are talking to another chemist. All I can say in plain English is that DuPont has thought of hundreds of ways to modify the basic Teflon structure so as to make it stick to a frying pan or a nose cone without destroying its ability to repel just about everything else. And DuPont's customers who use Teflon have a thousand or so tricks of their own to do the same thing, some of them patented and most of them just kept secrets as tricks of the trade."

I never saw or heard from Joan Harbon again and do not know whether she ever tried to get a more straightforward answer to her question from someone other than a chemist.

Flory died in 1985, and since Plunkett was still living, Flory may still have had hopes that his old roommate would yet win a Nobel Prize. Flory was right in saying that the Nobel Committee was often long delayed in making its awards. Barbara McClintock, for example, was made a Nobel Laureate in 1983 for work she had done 25 or 30 years earlier on the "jumping genes" of corn. Charles J. Pedersen, at age 83, had waited about as long as Dr. McClintock to be honored with a Nobel Prize for his invention of the "Crown ethers" which pioneered work on organic "baskets" for metals and other atoms or molecules.

Flory was wrong about Plunkett finally receiving a Nobel Prize because the inventor of Teflon died in 1994, just short of his 84th birthday, without becoming a Nobel Laureate, and since these prizes are not awarded posthumously he never will become one. However, he did receive many other high honors including the Moissan Medal in France, named in honor of Henri Moissan who first isolated fluorine and was awarded a Nobel Prize in 1906. Plunkett was also elected to the Inventors Hall of Fame which includes Marconi, Edison, Alexander Graham Bell and the Wright Brothers. ▶

P. J. Wingate '33 is a retired vice president of the DuPont Company and a former College Trustee. He's still waiting for his Nobel Prize.



**Long after her days as First Lady ended, Ann Hollingsworth McLain '40 continues to play a leadership role at Washington College.**

## College Honors Two First Ladies

The Women's League of Washington College honored former First Lady Ann Hollingsworth McLain '40 at an elegant champagne reception at the Hynson-Ringgold House in December. Ann and her husband Joseph McLain '37 were alumni partners who traveled together from Joe's chemistry lab, to the Dean's Office, and then through eight busy years in the President's Office. Mrs. McLain was recognized by Lisbeth Adams, president of the Women's League, as the

"representative First Lady: smart, gracious and hard-working." Yet she was cited on this occasion as a Washington College institution in her own right. "Since President McLain's death in 1981, Ann has continued to serve as a champion of our College. As a charter member of the Women's League, she has worked hard to raise scholarship funds, she played a leadership role in establishing the McLain Scholarship and the Joseph H. McLain Chair in Environmental Sciences and remains in active association with

students and alumni through the Alpha Chi sorority."

After Dr. McLain died in office, another Washington Col-

**When Melissa Naul '75 married her music professor, she imagined that their days would be filled with parenting and piano music, not formal College functions. She cheerfully accepted her duties as Acting First Lady.**



lege alumna took on the role of First Lady. Melissa Naul Clarke '75 was a young wife and mother when the Board of Visitors and Governors tapped her husband Garry Clarke, a professor of music, to serve as Acting President. Last semester, alumni and faculty gathered to pay tribute to former Acting First Lady Melissa Clarke, who served the College community from July 1, 1981 until June 30, 1982. Those 365 days for Melissa were filled with Washington College Bicentennial Celebrations and 3,100 Washington College reception and dinner guests.

At a dinner in her honor, Alumni Association President Paul Boertlein '75 cited Melissa Clarke for the amazing grace and good humor she lent to her alma mater in that extraordinary year. Mrs. Clarke accepted her applause with practiced poise, then turned to her old friend and classmate Paul, and said, "This is a special occasion. This time I can leave early and you have to stay and clean up." ▶

writer and editor for several firms, most recently as program manager with ARINC, Inc. in Annapolis. Her first children's book, *Sam the Chesapeake Rockfish*, was published by Tidewater Press in December. She has actively supported the College for the last two years as president of the Talbot County Alumni Chapter and as organizer of the alumni explorations to Bermuda Biological Station.



**Carolyn Athey, an employee of the College since her graduation in 1993, daughter of College Trustee Ed Athey '67, and granddaughter of Coach Ed Athey '47, is leaving the nest and moving to Brielle, NJ. She is shown here (at left) with her successor, Kristina Henry.**

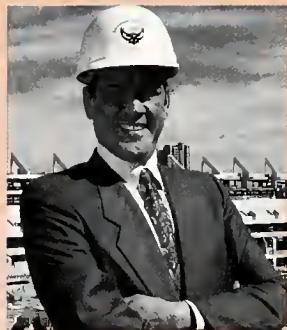
## Henry Joins Alumni Staff

**K**ristina Tatusko Henry '88 joined the Alumni Affairs office in February, succeeding Carolyn Athey '93 as assistant director.

Since receiving her degree in German from Washington College, Henry has been

"Carolyn's positive attitude and charm will be missed not only by alumni but by the College and Chestertown communities," noted Trams Hollingsworth '75, director of Alumni Affairs. "Kristina promises to put her own enthusiasm and bright smile to work for the College that means so much to her." ▶

## Moag Shows Them The Money



John A. Moag, Jr. '77, who as Chairman of the Maryland Stadium Authority is responsible for bringing NFL football back to Baltimore, says that it was the promise of a new sports stadium that finally clinched Maryland's deal with the Cleveland Browns. New stadiums are also good for economic development, he argues, so they are a good investment. Moag is shown here in the new Baltimore Ravens stadium under construction adjacent to Orioles Park at Camden Yards. The Washington College Trustee returned to campus in December to talk about the positive economic impact of modern stadiums and the importance of government subsidies needed to build them. His lecture was sponsored by the annual J. C. Jones Seminar in American Business.

In February, Maryland Governor Parris Glendening reappointed Moag to a second term as chief of the Maryland Stadium Authority, which also is building a new convention center in Ocean City, developing a conference center in Montgomery County, and considering the prospects of NASCAR racing in Baltimore County.

## Teachers Reunite!

In January, Professor Sean O'Connor brought a group of recent graduates of the education block together to discuss how they might help each other be more effective teachers.

It was a day of encouragement, resource sharing and information gathering, as College President John Toll talked about the importance and dignity of the teaching profession and Professor O'Connor brought the young teachers up-to-date on political issues relating to education reform and the role of technology in teaching. The afternoon was devoted to a series of seminars where teachers shared a lesson plan, a resource, or a classroom activity with their group.

O'Connor, who chairs the education program, hopes to expand on that notion of sharing by establishing a resource library for educators on the Washington College website. "I hope to include a

network for people in the education block to share lesson plans and ideas, and to create a community of Washington College teachers on the air," he says. "With the help of the Alumni Office, we also are planning to host a reunion of all alumni in education and

cation and education administration as part of Legacy Day next October."

Legacy Day, when alumni are invited to bring their college-application-aged offspring to campus, is scheduled for October 24, 1998. ▶

### A SPECIAL FRIEND

## Connolly Is Named Honorary Alumna

After working for more than forty years for Washington College, Betty Anne Connolly, former supervisor of Central Services, was recognized as an honorary alumna.

At a reception in her honor last December, Alumni Association President-elect Glen Beebe '81 noted, "For four decades, Betty Anne has carefully distributed the mail that keeps our extended Washington College family in constant communication. By alumni estimations she has, in her own important way, met the credit hours and distribution requirements of our Association. In the judgment of all who know her, she has passed the comprehensive exams of life and love with honors. It is fitting therefore, that on this occasion we welcome Betty Anne into our fellowship as an honorary alumna, Washington College Class of 1997."



## Sri Lankans Form Alumni Chapter

Washington College recently held its first alumni reunion abroad in Sri Lanka. Eleven alumni gathered at the Colombo Hilton in December to meet with Professor Tahir Shad, Associate Dean of the College and director of the International Studies program, for whom Sri Lanka was just one stop during his travels to establish new study abroad programs and foreign exchanges.

The group elected officers and established a scholarship fund. Chapter President Chandev Abeyratne '94, Vice President Eshani Ruwanpura '94, Secretary Nirosha Herath '96, and Treasurer Ravi Jayatileke '96 will plan chapter activities so they can share their enthusiasm for Washington College with other young Sri Lankans. With 100% participation, the Sri Lankan chapter raised nearly 45,000 rupis to establish a scholarship fund.

"Considering that the average Sri Lankan earns 1,500 to 2,000 rupis a month, this was a very generous outpouring of support," noted Shad.

The day after the reunion, Shad, his former students and their families dined at the home of the Sri Lankan Army Chief of Staff.

"The parents of our alumni in Sri Lanka are very pleased with the education their children have received at Washington College, and all of them have found good jobs," said Shad. "In the capital city of Colombo, Washington College has built a very solid reputation and enjoys the highest profile of any American college or university." ▶

## 1931

**DOROTHY SIMMONS ROBINSON** and Oliver Robinson '32 celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary on August 15, 1997. Oliver, Washington College Athletic Hall of Famer, celebrated his 92nd birthday in February.

## 1935

**WILLIAM O. BAKER** was named an honorary life member of the New York Academy of the Sciences.

### IVON E. CULVER

and Jane travel extensively, enjoying an excellent Cunard World Club Reunion Cruise for their 52nd wedding anniversary in March on the Royal Viking Sun. He still volunteers for Ruth Eckerd Hall and Jane serves as the librarian at Regency Oaks.

## 1937

**ROBERT B. WHITE** celebrated his 80th birthday this year! His fourth great grandchild was born on July 9, 1997 — Timothy Muraskin. He is still working at Cardiac Rehabilitation three times a week, looking after his real estate business, and trying to learn how to use the computer.

## 1938

**BILL THOMPSON** of San Clemente, CA, celebrated his 80th birthday on December 6th! Bill was recently cited for outstanding civic duty by San Clemente's *Sun Post News*.

**MARGARET WALTERS CARROLL** hopes to attend her 60th Reunion this year!

## 1939

**CHARLES F.W. ANDERSON** is enjoying retirement in Hagerstown, MD. "Travel has never been put on hold due to

my good wife's two T.I.A.'s since last May and our Appalachian Trail maintenance activities. Spent Christmas with family in Connecticut — son, George Anderson '72, daughter, Barbara Anderson '96 and son-in-law, Scotty McBride '77. How's that for a WC family!"

### GEORGE EISENTROUT

and wife, Dorothy, reside in Olympia, WA. George retired as a Superintendent of Schools in 1979. He keeps active with travel, golf, Kiwanis, Retired Teachers Association, wood-carving and Gloria Dee Lutheran Church. He has five grandchildren, ages 8-15.

### BERNICE SMITH HOLSINGER

is living in Denton, MD. "I'm still alive and kicking which is more than some can say!"

### CLARENCE KIBLER

and his wife enjoyed a beautiful trip in the Aegean Sea. Istanbul by boat to Athens!

## 1940

### BILL COLLINS

and wife Irene celebrated their 50th anniversary on October 18, 1997. They are enjoying the weather in Puerto Rico again this winter.

### GERRY NASH GROUPÉ

is still traveling and has been to Tibet and Butan this year. "A wonderful experience!"

## 1941

### RAYMOND JERVIS COOKE

is president of the Resident Council of the Methodist Manor House, a retirement community in Seaford, DE. He is also an ex-officio member of the Board of Trustees of Peninsula United Methodist Houses, Inc., Wilmington, DE.

### MIKE KARDASH

was inducted into the Hall of

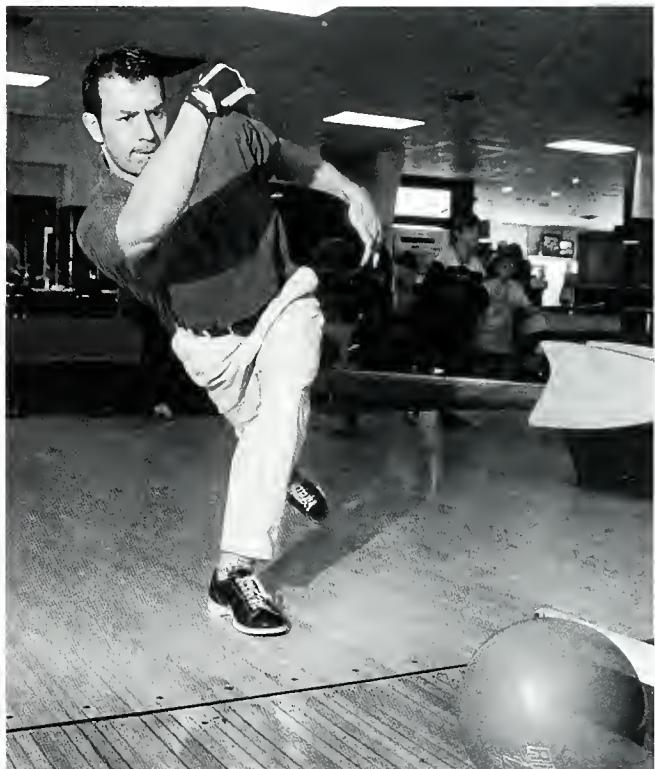


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These days, Keith "Whitey" Whiteford '94 of Chestertown is more comfortable bowling strikes than pitching them. The former Centennial Conference Pitcher of the Year and Regional All-American has bowled in six pro tournaments, competing in five regional PBA stops and one national stop in Baltimore at Country Club Lanes. With four perfect games of 300, one 299 game, and one 800 series (three games a night averaging 267), Whiteford is considered one of the best junior bowlers in Maryland. In his "spare" time, he is pursuing a master's degree in psychology at Washington College.

Fame of the Eastern Shore Baseball Foundation. Mike was an All Maryland shortstop at Washington College and later went on to play with the Baltimore Orioles in 1942 and '43. He joins Washington College greats Bill Nicholson '36 and Jake Flowers, previously inducted.

## 1942

### ROBERT E. CARTER

is working part-time. Last August, he and wife Dottie were

hosted by their children (and grand and great grandchildren) at a week-long party in the Colorado mountains celebrating their 50 years of happy marriage. "It was great!"

### HENRY MAGUIRE, MD

writes that his son Michael is practicing pediatric orthopedics in Ventura, CA, and son John is Vice President and Corporate Town Officer of Grossmont Bank in La Mesa, CA.



**Gee Gee Bushman '47,** with grandson Thomas Christopher Voith, Jr., says "50th Reunion was wonderful! I'm still at the same old house in Atlanta that I've lived for 40 years. Now it's just me and my wonderful 'poochie.' But, my new nine-month-old grandson is a special treasure who lives only 10 minutes away. Still in the real estate business. I have a guest bedroom if you're ever nearby."

#### WILLIAM M. NAGLER

and Betty Lohmuller Van Allen-Nagler '44 represented Washington College at the inauguration of San Diego State University's seventh President, Stephen L. Weber, in August.

#### JOHN WEBSTER SMITH

retired in May 1997. He is still in Shdell, LA, and continues as a consultant on higher education.

#### 1943

##### DR. TED KURZE

met informally with premedical students on campus last fall to help answer questions about the medical school application process and the medical profession in general.

#### 1947

##### BILL DULIN

is a scientific consultant still active with the Diabetes Foundation, Inc. in Callier, CO. Phyllis "Bucki" '47 is busy with PEO, AXΩ alumnae and works in tennis and bridge along the way.

##### PAT BACON GRESSITT

writes, "My memory for names is shot but while I still have all my teeth I plan to return to Chestertown on May 16, 1998 for the incomparable Maryland crab."

#### 1948

##### JOE SUTTON

is a retired scientist living in Easton, MD, with his wife Jane. He was recently inducted to the

Washington College Hall of Fame in October 1997.

#### 1949

##### HILDA COHEN BENNETT AND JIM BENNETT

are enjoying two great grandchildren, Brandon and Kristen. Jim keeps active with the Liberty Bell Chapter of the 1st Marine Division Association and Hilda is active in AAUW and bridge. Jim finished service as president and director of the Friends of Newark Free Library.

##### BOB ORAPATIN

reports that Jim Doherty '47 and his wife, Fran Steffens Doherty '49, celebrated Jim's retirement as Cheshire Fire Marshall in late September. Jim served Cheshire, CT, for 27 years and acquired the nickname "Deputy Dog."

##### JOAN SAWYER HUBER

is enjoying landscape design and installation as a second career in Northern Virginia.

#### 1951

##### RUTH TEAFF BARROWS

writes, "Afrer a fabulous 50th high school reunion at Palm Beach High School in Florida, I can't wait for our 50th at good old WC!"

##### ROBERT FOX

writes, "Recently while walking my dog, Bogey, I met a young, 'perky' outgoing girl also walking her dog. We saw each other in like fashion several more times

and each time I had the feeling I knew her well, from another place and time. Long story short—she's Molly, Mackey Metcalfe Dutton's ('51) daughter!"

##### C.L. MESSICK

writes, "The State of Maryland privatized in December. Twelve years after retirement, I am finally 'packing it in' as a mental health counselor at the Harford County Mental Health Clinic. It has been a helluva ride!"

#### 1952

##### KEN SULLIVAN

is retired from AT&T and is living in Greensboro, NC, with his wife Catherine. He was recently inducted to the Washington College Hall of Fame in October 1997.

##### ROLPH TOWNSHEND

retired seven years ago from Westinghouse Electric Systems. He and his wife are living on the Severn River in Annapolis where they enjoy racing and cruising their 30 foot sailboat in summer. They have three grandchildren who live in Arlington, VA.

#### 1953

##### STEPHEN J. McHALE, JR.

writes, "I'm retired, living in North Carolina, where one can golf all year. Among my neighbors are Lola Russell '51 and Bob Johnson '52. Several times a year I meet Paul Desmond '53, Ed Cinaglia '53, Dave Beddow '54 and Harry Miller '53 for a week of golf and reminiscence."

##### WILLIAM R. MURRAY

is still working for the Potomac Electric Power Company in Upper Marlboro, MD.

#### 1955

##### JOHN P. BERGEN

is retired and living in Westfield, NJ, with his wife Carol. He was inducted to the Washington College Hall of Fame in October 1997.

##### THOMAS LAW

retired as vice president for Chase Manhattan Bank, where he traded stocks and managed an \$80 million small capitaliza-

tion stock fund. He currently raises Angus beef cattle in Lowesville, VA. He is a commissioner on the Amherst Co. Youth Services Commission, a member of the Violence Prevention Task Force, a substitute teacher (middle & high school), a member for the Juvenile Court System and a CASA volunteer.

##### ROD SMITH

President, San Diego Community College District, was honored with the Courageous Leader Award, presented by the California Community College League. Smith also serves as chairman, Police Review Board for the city of San Diego and is a member of a number of community boards.

#### 1956

##### EO BAIR

reports, "My first retirement was in 1982, after 26 years of service in the U.S. Marine Corps. My final retirement occurred last June, after 13 years of fun work at the University of Kansas as director of computing services for the Medical Center in Kansas City."

##### JACK DANIEL

retired in 1996 to Myrtle Beach, SC. He and his wife Georgina live on the waterway and golf course, only two blocks from the ocean, and are surrounded by lots of wildlife. It suits that they named their new home "Paradise Cove." They still have their home on Kent Island and keep in touch with other Washington College friends.

##### PALMER HUGHES'

daughter Sharon was married on November 8, 1997 to Ben Kunkel. MaryLou Verdon '58 and Ebe Johnson '56 attended the wedding.

#### 1957

##### MYRA BONHAGE-HALE

is president of Mountain State Organic Growers & Buyers Association and Mountain State Dowsers. She was a speaker at West Virginia Herb Association Conference and constructed the labyrinth for the conference.

##### RALPH LAWS

is working as an advisor in Bosnia. He'll be in Sarajevo until September 1998.

## BIRTHS

To Andrew J. Hundertmark III '79, a son, Andrew J. "A.J." IV, on June 18, 1997.

Loren C. Baim '80 and her husband recently adopted 3-year-old Marta Cecelia from Guatemala.

To Geoffrey Garinther '81 and wife Carol, a daughter, Natalie Dorian, on September 18, 1997. Natalie has three older brothers—Andrew, Alex and Ben.

To Donna Taylor Mehta '81 and husband Sunil, a son, Kanan Kaushik, on July 2, 1997. Kanan joins brother Kailas, 5.

To Catherine "Cat" Carrier-House '82 and husband Charlie, a daughter, Danielle Elizabeth, on October 10, 1997.

To Kathleen Tynan Cooke '82 and husband Stephen, a son, Henry "Harry" Gardner, on February 15, 1997.

To Roberta Baumann Gardulloo '82, a son, Christian David, on February 28, 1997. Christian joins his two brothers, Alexander and Patrick.

To Libby Jaeger Marchetti '85 and husband Anthony, a son, Nico Anthony, on September 15, 1997. Nico joins big brother Dominic.

To Beth Donovan '85, M'92 and Chip MacLeod '86, a daughter, Maureen, on October 23, 1997. She joins brothers Thomas, 4, and John, 3.

To Amy Seifert '85 and husband Taras Vizzi, a daughter, Tara Lauren, on November 25, 1997. Tara joins sister Claire, who is one.

To Allison Barth Sherman '85 and husband Jim, a son, Dylan John, on April 16, 1997. Dylan joins sister Browyn, 5.

and brother Graham, 3. The family moved to Minnesota over the holidays.

To Eric '86 and Victoria Fuchs '88 Geringswald, a daughter, Sophia Nadine, on November 17, 1997. Sophia joins brothers Marcus and Maximilian.

To Karen Durm Owen '86 and husband Pat, a son, Patrick Steven, on March 20, 1997.

To Larry Brandt '87 and wife Molly, a son, Justin Philip, on November 23, 1997. Justin joins brother Ryan.

To Jennifer Billings Carle '87 and husband Ken, a son, Timothy, on September 15, 1997. He joins 3-year-old brother Alex.

To Kristen Kosak '88 and Mark Darwin '86, a daughter, Caroline Hahne, on March 24, 1997.

To Rita Brigman '88 and Mike McGuane '88, a son, Thomas Patrick McGuane, on November 12, 1997.

To Elizabeth Lund DiPietro '89 and husband Philip, a daughter, Anna Catherine, on February 14, 1997.

To Russell W. Hertler '87 and wife Brigid, a daughter, Phoebe Rose, on April 17, 1997.



To Melissa Harter '87 and Dan Gerstenfield '86, M'88, a son, Devon Harter, (pictured above) on June 21, 1997 in Annapolis, MD.

To Paula Cunningham Pavon '89 and husband, Chris, a son, Dru Christopher, on September 10, 1997.

To David Saminatato '89 and wife, Deborah, a daughter, Julia Elizabeth, on July 29, 1997. Julia joins brother Jacob, almost 2.

To Jennifer Harrison '90 and Chris Premo '90, a son, Jacob Harrison, on June 5, 1997.

To Karen Reisinger Ketterman '90 and husband H.P., a daughter, Alexandra Brooke, on September 29, 1997.

To Emily Lott '90 and Paul Miller '88, a daughter, Erin Lacy, on January 5, 1997. Big brother Sam welcomed her home.

To Bridget Bellistri Schaller '90 and husband Tim, a daughter, Megan Anne, on October 16, 1997.

To Matt Weir '90 and wife Ann, a son, Randolph Martin, on December 6, 1997. Randy joins big sister Jordan, who is almost 3.

To Sharon Orser '90 and Matt Wilson '89, TWINS! Kevin Matthew and Danielle Nicole were born on March 18, 1997.

To Susie Chase '90 and Hansi Wittich '84, a son, Charles Schroeder, on September 3, 1997. He joins brother Chase, who will be 3 in May.



To Kelli Farrell Helbling '91 and husband, Todd, a son, John Luke, (pictured above) on May 18, 1997.

To Jen Del Nero '93 and Matt Moore '91, their first child, Michael Colin, on October 18, 1997, in Memphis, TN.

To Andrew Parks '94 and wife Loula, a daughter, Gilles Theresa Elizabeth, on October 11, 1997.

To Deann Pinczok '92 and Scott Jones '89, QUADRUPLETS! Three girls and one boy were born on November 22, 1997. Hannah Jane, Jacob Samuel, Alexa George and Rachel Ryan (pictured, left) each arrived one minute apart from one another.



## 1958

### BILL AND ELLEN JO STERLING

#### LITSINGER '59

are looking forward to Bill's 40th reunion. They are excited to report the births of their second grandchild in September and their third in December. Classmates Jane Rayner '59 and Curt Massey '58 attended their daughter's wedding in Sonoma, CA, last July.

### BOB WILSON

writes, "Still selling beers! I'm now a consultant to a number of micro-breweries. CHEERS!"

### SALLY ANN GROOME COOPER

enjoyed visiting WC this fall during AXΩ's 60th anniversary, with her college roommate, Ellen Green Reilly '59 and sisters Anne Matthews Childress '60 and Helen Hull Tyson '57. Her former student, Colin Esaias '99, is on the WC lacrosse team and reports back every holiday.

## 1959

### JIM SCOTT

is still playing golf (6 handicap) and unfortunately has to work for a while. He is recruiting director for John Hancock in the southern region.



### WILLIS AND MARTHA WELDIN

are living in The Netherlands. Reach them at their e-mail address: [wwelkin@aol.com](mailto:wwelkin@aol.com).

## 1960

### JANE SMITH ALDRIDGE

joined her husband Bob Aldridge '60 as he flew his final flight as a captain for United Airlines in August. They flew from San Francisco to Paris and then back to Washington, DC. Bob and Sue live in Leonardtown, MD, where Jane has an antiques business.

### SEN. WALTER BAKER

was presented the "Best in Class" award from Maryland Chamber of Commerce president, Champe McCulloch, during the Governor's banquet at the Maryland Chamber's annual Legislative Conference in October. Baker received the award in recognition of his leadership in retaining Maryland's predictable standards of tort liability while serving as chairman of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

### ALICE TOROVSKY CRANOR

retired from the federal government in December. She plans to relax and do all of the things

that she hasn't had time to do while she was working. High on her list are traveling and learning to play the violin.

### WARREN G. OEFRAK

will retire in June after 35 years of teaching German and French in Redding, CT. He plans to winter in Ft. Lauderdale and summer in Connecticut.

### DAVID C. FENIMORE

is still volunteering his time on weekends at Days End Farm Horse Rescue in Lisbon, MD, where he is now a charter member. "Anybody need a good horse?" He spent Christmas with his daughter, Susan, in San Jose, CA.

### KATHARINE DARE RAYNE GREGORY

writes, "I am enjoying a sabbatical from teaching this year. The purpose is to write articles, perhaps a monologue, about the landmark educational program with which I'm involved. I am also enjoying travel with my husband, my children and their spouses, and granddaughter, Rebecca Dare Gray."

## 1962

### JEAN EDWARDS

received her Master's in Health Care Administration from University College, University of Maryland in May '97. She is still employed at Delmarva Foundation for Medical Care as an administrator in business development. She took a tour of Alaska in August '97 and looks forward to more travel in the future. She resides in Easton, MD, and has four grandchildren.

### JAMES C. FLIPPIN

ran in the New York City Marathon on Sunday, November 2, 1997. It was his tenth NYC and 60th overall marathon!

**CHARLES E. "CHUCK" LAWSON, JR.** reports that his son, Charles III,

**Don Derham '48, (pictured, second from left) co-president of the Kent and Queen's Anne's Alumni Chapter as well as 50th Reunion Committee Chair, organized a community outreach project this past Christmas, collecting toys for needy children.**

graduates from University of Delaware this June with an A.B. in business administration.

Daughter Jennifer, after graduating as valedictorian of her Havre de Grace high school class, is a biology major in Eberly College of Science at Penn State University. "I can't afford to retire!"

### WARREN H. MILBERG

has become a court-appointed special advocate (CASA) for abused children in Fairfax County, VA. When not assisting children in need, he can often be found on Chesapeake Bay sailing his sloop *Flexible Flyer*.

## 1963

### KATHERINE YODER EATON

writes, "I've sold out of Florida and Connecticut and am happily ensconced in the mountains of western North Carolina. I hope to start building my house soon. In the meantime, I'm living in my cottage which will be available for summer vacation rentals."

## 1965

### DALE PATTERSON ADAMS

represented Washington College at the inauguration of Rutherford Hamlet Adkins as president of Fisk University.

### OSWALD W. HODGES

reports, "I'm alive and well, business prospers, my children are almost finished school and I get to play squash almost every day. Life is good even though I continue to get older."

## 1966

### KAREN WILLETT BARRELL

on leave from high school teaching, returned in December from a three-month solo odyssey in her motorhome. Highlights of the 11,200 miles included the Canadian Rockies, Glacier National Park, the Gulf Coast, and climbing out of Death Valley. While visiting in Manhattan Beach, CA, with former WC nurse Cindy Sieffert Griswold, Karen was joined by daughter Amy '95, a resident of Chicago, and son Tyler, a sophomore at WC. The only mishap during her trip occurred at her home in Chestertown when a large bird crashed through a window and resided inside until being discovered, alive and unharmed.

## DAVE SVEC

recently attended a family reunion with WC grads son Bob '93, brother Mark '71 and Uncle Jim '48. "All the Svecs have fond memories of Washington College."

## 1967

**MIRIAM HUEBSCHMAN SHECK**  
is teaching mathematics at Parkside High School in Salisbury, MD, and has 12 private piano students.

## 1968

### DENNY LANE

started a new political party, the Vermont Grassroots Party, and was a two-time gubernatorial candidate (increasing his votes by 70%). As a result of the 1996 elections, the Vermont Grassroots Party is the only major political party in Vermont besides Democrats and Republicans. Check out the Grassroots homepage: <http://www.vermontel.com/~epgorge/vgrp.htm>.

### BENJAMIN T. WHITMAN

was named Head of Brookwood School (Pre-K - 8th grade) in Cooperstown, NY, last April.

## 1969

### GEORGE BUCKLESS

is the regional CEO for the Lincoln Financial Group in Lutherville, MD. He lives in Bel Air, MD, with his wife Betty. He was recently inducted to the Washington College Hall of Fame in October 1997.

### H. LOUISE MASTEN AND STEVEN H. AMICK '69

represented Washington College at the inauguration of Scott D. Miller as president of Wesley College.

### LINDA AYRES

is the new chief of the Prints and Photographs Division (over 13 million objects!) for the Library of Congress.

### JOHN FLATO

has recently moved to Ernst & Young, LLP to become the director of University Relations and Recruiting for the management consulting practice. John will be based in New York City and will be responsible for the

## MARRIAGES

Cissie Martin Hill to Elmore A. Willets III on August 1, 1997.

Harry McEnroe '82 to Carla Mascaro on October 25, 1997 in Summit, NJ.

Judy Beckmann '87 to Jonathan MacLean on September 13, 1997 in Ogunquit, ME. Maid of Honor was Callie Sessions '87.

William Faust '88 to Carol Lynn George on November 1, 1997 in Clinton, NJ. Keith Faust '91 was best man and Kathleen McGuigan '89 and Tamara Braunstein '91 were attendees. After a honeymoon to Disney's Port Orleans in Orlando, the couple is residing in Annandale, NJ.

Sean Guinness '90 to Christine Leslie Black on September 6, 1997 aboard *Midnight* in Blue Hill, ME.



Tracy Greenawalt '92 to Patrick Wilson of Richmond, VA, on April 26, 1997. Catherine Cole Sarno '92, Karen Stritehoff '92, Staci Vendelis '92 and Kathleen Robbins '92 were in the wedding.



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Richard T. Kircher '85 to Kathleen Hussey on May 31, 1997 at St. Rose of Lima Church in Topsfield, MA. Attending from WC (clockwise from top): Michael Reilly '85, Cindy Pay Reilly '87, Daniel Smith '85, and Tim Friedman '85, with Kathleen and Richard.



Sharla Ponder '95 to Matthew Murray '95 on May 31, 1997 in Chestertown. The following alumni were in attendance (pictured left to right): Suzanne Hewes '91, soloist Todd Lineburger '97, reader Max Walton '95, Bryan Relyea '98, Colleen Blenkstone '92, groomsman Ken Pipkin '95, Christian Thornton '96, maid of honor Kyndra Ponder '91, server David George '95, bridesmaid Nicole Wagner '96, bridesmaid Nicole Chmura '97, Nicole Zemanski-Marano '96, Stephanie Selt '96 and groomsman Mark Murphy '96.

## MARRIAGES

Laleh Malek '90 to Robert Srnec in October 1996. Bridesmaids were Paije Osworth '90, Petra Fajerson '91, Marnie Shehan '90 and Marie Ensor '91. Also attending were Kathy Waye '81, M'90, Debbie and Ken Hutchins '91 and Kim Cavolo '89.

Jennifer Morgan '90 to Jeffrey Roberts on August 16, 1997 in Chestertown. Felicia Shakman '91 served as a bridesmaid.

Mary Bissett McCurdy '91 to Brian Schwanke on November 1, 1997 in Baltimore. Megan McCurdy '95 was a maid of honor and Kristin Schiminger Council '91 was a bridesmaid.



**Kasey Carroll '92 to Brian Basso '92 on May 18, 1997 in Sarasota, FL.** Honor attendants were Gordy Scherer '93, Mirian Jecelin Mullin '93, Teresa Cropper '93, Jeff Bauman '92 and Barry Connor '92. Others in attendance were Diana Connor '91, P.J. Mullin '94 and John Beachley '92.



**Jennifer Sloan '93 to William DiPaula on July 19, 1997 in Cordova, MD.** Alumni in attendance (top row): Rachael Rice '92, Starke Evans '65, Carol Hornick Evans '66, Steve Huettner '91, Pete Jons '93, Dave Snyder '92, Geoff Rupert '94, Adriane Beane '92, Joe Boan '93 and Gerry Scully '93. Middle row: Teresa Sganga-Vaccaro '92, Jason Campbell '95, Miriam Dittman '92, Suzanne Fischer Huettner '95 and Kristy Karns Argo '95. Bottom row: John Sloan (father of the bride), Sara Boggess '93 (maid of honor), Brigid DeVries '93 (bridesmaid), Jennifer Sloan DiPaula '93 (bride), Pam Hendrickson Bean '94, Julia Dill '93 (bridesmaid), Sharon Davis Brogan '93 (bridesmaid).

The couple resides in Federal Hill, MD. Houghton Phillips '91 to Frannie Benson on September 13, 1997 on the York River in Gloucester, VA. Jim Blount '92 was a groomsman. The couple resides in Baltimore.

Stefanie Lee '92 to Dr. Joon You on July 27, 1997. They reside in Irvine, CA.

Susan Alexander to James L. Jenkins '92 in the summer of 1996.

Michelle L. Harrison '93 to Stephen D. Trissell on July 12, 1997 at St. Paul's UMC in Cambridge, MD. Denise Marshall Adams '94 was a bridesmaid.

Beth Hocker '94 to Mark Moxley '93 on August 2, 1997.

Bethany Wilson '93 to Andrew Manos '94 on October 18, 1997. Honor attendants were Melissa Harmeyer '93, Belinda McLeod '93, Christina Albright Noble '93, Kelle Doherty Sanchez '93, Chris Cote '94, Kevin Quinn '91, and Chris Sanchez '94.

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**Julianne Morgan '91 to John Wyman '93 on August 2, 1997 in Chestertown.** Jim Wyman '90 was best man and Peter Moller '90 was a groomsman in the ceremony at Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

firm's nationwide college recruiting programs which hire over 700 college graduates annually, including undergraduates, MBA's, and other advanced degree recipients. John has held similar positions at Allied Signal, Inc. and CIGNA Corporation. Upon completion of the pending merger with KPMG Peat-Marwick, Ernst & Young will be the world's largest accounting and consulting firm.

**CISSIE MARTIN,** widow of the late Douglas Hill, married Elmore A. Willets III of Anchorage, KY, last August. Cissie and her son Alex Hill, 15, combine family with husband "Ack" and his son Brann, 18, and daughter Madeleine, 15, and reside in Anchorage.

**MARGARET S. NUTTLE MELCHER** writes, "Pete and I are now in Denver in a four-bedroom condo with three patio areas—no more swoops off the mountain or up icy roads. Cinemas, restaurants, symphony, theater and galleries are all within minutes! I am learning the basics of ceramics and continuing with painting. Pete is translating (Spanish) a rare book on Pre-Colombian Peruvian artifacts into English. Both retired, we find life 'after 50' can be rich and full and even occasionally exciting. Alaska this past summer on the Converse Explorer with college-level lectures was astounding. It is truly creation's palmprint and we humans are scabbing it up with our awful tacky buildings and utilities!"

## 1970

### BARRY DREW

is an investment broker for A.G. Edwards in Easton, MD. He was inducted to the Washington College Hall of Fame in October 1997.

### JOHN D. HALL

is the Managing Director of Time Life-Australia based in Sydney, 14 hours ahead!

## 1971

### LINDA BAIRD COOKE

is presently sales manager for Applied Silicone Corp. in Ventura, CA. She enjoys national and international travel.

### JIM DILLON

reports that he is "working his tail off but happily doing clinical speech therapy in a fine skilled nursing facility in Salinas, CA. Liam is flourishing in first grade."

### KAREN SAMMIS MATHESON

writes, "As the big '50' birthday approaches, I am entering my 15th year of teaching dance exercise with the Simsbury, CT, Town Recreation Department. I am also on the administrative staff of Duncaster Retirement Community as Resident Coordinator for 300 residents. Twin daughters, Amy and Julie, are in their senior years at Bucknell University and Bates College, respectively. Husband Steve is with United Healthcare in Hartford, CT."

### ANDREW M. MCCULLOUGH, JR.

is currently VP, senior portfolio manager at Delaware Management Company, a subsidiary of Lincoln National Corporation. He manages seven state specified tax-exempt mutual funds.

### COLONEL STEPHEN A. MIRE

retired from the US Air Force on July 1, 1997 after 26 years of service. He works for Advanced Technology Systems, a computer system integration company, as a senior systems analyst.

## 1972

### NANCY B. BAYNE

writes, "I consider myself to be a very blessed person. I have a terrific husband (definitely an immigrant from Mars); a lovely daughter who has increased our experience of the world ten-fold during her 14+ years; and what I consider the enviable position of being a 'stay-at-home' wife/mom. I have plenty to keep me busy—using my brain as president of a distribution company. Life is full!"

### ELLYN DYE

got together with classmates Barbie Hancock, LouEllen Murphy Rice, Gene Thornton and Tom Hodgson for a mini-reunion in DC last November. C.A. Hutton regrets that he could not attend.

### JANET STIDMAN EVELETH

was recently honored with the



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### SUSAN LUSTER

just opened her own business, Advance Planning Communications, providing marketing, publicity and professional event organizing services to environmental and energy organizations. She "retired" from her job of 12 years in energy education.

### LYNN LIEONHARDT MIELKE,

attorney-at-law for Campen & Walsworth in Easton, MD, has assumed the leadership of the Talbot Alumni Chapter.

### KATHY WEBER

competed in the Penguin Dinghy International Championships in Rio de Janeiro last July and sailed a 70' Andrews ULDB racing yacht from Annapolis to Fort Lauderdale in November.

### RICK WESP

has taken a new position on the faculty at East Stroudsburg University. He and George Spilich, WC professor of psychology, were on a panel together at the February meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association.

## 1973

### MICHAEL BROWN

writes, "I checked out as captain on the Airbus 320 this year and am enjoying flying around the country for Northwest Airlines with my wife Mary, an A320 co-

pilot. Stop up in the cockpit and say hi!"

### JOHN TANSEY

organized another successful and fun Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament last October.

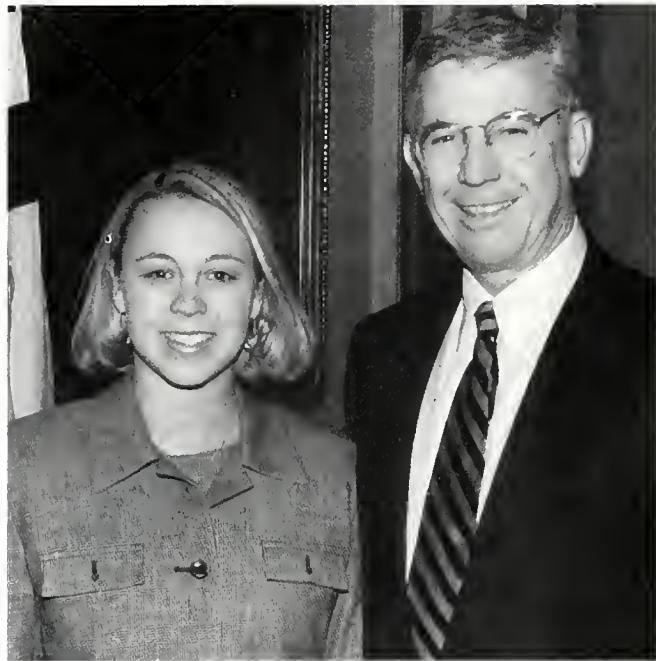
## 1974

### TAMI DANIEL

is leading a busy life "...caring for my adorable terriers Sparky and Patsy; working (too long and too hard) at my crazy job with Prime Retail, a factory outlet developer; and keeping my old home in a Victorian neighborhood in good repair."

### DEBORAH MARTIN

has started a professional theater company in Morristown, NJ. C.A. Hutton '72 raved about the first production (in Octo-



**After interning in Constituent and Administrative Services in Annapolis for the Maryland State Government her senior year, Jennifer Voss '97 was offered a job in Governor Parris Glendening's office as the Assistant to the Director of Scheduling and Public Relations. She is in charge of the Governor's calendar; all appointments and events that the Governor attends are coordinated and scheduled by Jennifer. To do this, she interacts daily with the Governor's cabinet, the Director of Scheduling, and the Governor himself. One of her larger undertakings since she began working in June has been to help coordinate the ptiesteria commission summit. More recently, Jennifer has been working closely with administration at Washington College to plan an upcoming Governor's Reception for The 1782 Society at Government House. "I am meeting a lot of wonderful people," says Jennifer. "It's something new and challenging every day."**

ber), *Working*, which was based on the Studs Turkel book.

**KEVIN O'KEEFE'S**  
international public relations firm, Shandwick Baltimore, won best of show and seven other awards at the annual Best in Maryland Awards presented by the Public Relations Society of America's Maryland chapter. Shandwick took the top prize in the awards for a campaign for the Maryland Food Committee.

**SUSAN SCHEIOLE**  
writes, "I have been working for Boise Cascade Office Products in Elkridge, MD, for over 10 years. I started out in collections and about two years ago transferred into purchasing. I got lucky and for two years in a row, through a company-sponsored golf tournament at

the Turf Valley Country Club, won an award for Women's 'Closest to the Tee.' Three years ago I toured the Czech Republic with a dance group. Some of the highlights were visiting the family home of my grandfather in a small village and participating in a three-day international dance festival in Prague. Next year I plan to visit Spain. I have been living in Mount Washington for over four years and am very active in swimming, tennis, aerobics and I recently joined a walking club."

## 1975

**CHARLTON CAMPBELL-HUGHES**  
writes, "I am still residing in Baltimore with my husband Pat and our daughter. Jessie will graduate from the 8th grade this year at the Waldorf School in Baltimore, where I serve on the

Board and spend many volunteer hours, mostly in development work."

### **PETER AND SUSAN DIX "DIXIE" FITZGERALD'S**

oldest son, Peter, Jr., is a freshman at Roanoke College in Salem, VA. "We look forward to watching exciting lacrosse as they play WC in Division III!"

### **MAX KOENIGSBERG**

is assistant professor of emergency medicine at University of Illinois. He is lead investigator for a national multi-care clinical trial of more than 40 trauma centers using a blood substitute in traumatic shock utilizing a waiver of informed consent. This was the first study in the nation to use the new federal regulations for an exception to informed consent in emergency research settings. Max is the senior EMS medical director in Chicago and has been training emergency medicine resident physicians since 1984. He is also father of triplets born in June '96!

### **KEVIN NOBLET**

is an adjunct professor at Columbia University's School of Journalism, where he teaches an international reporting class at night. Since the pay is little, he has not quit his day job as deputy international director for The Associated Press.

### **MARTY WILLIAMS M'97**

is Vice President of University Advancement at Salisbury State University. He oversees public relations, alumni affairs, cultural enterprises and fundraising.

## 1976

### **DOUGLAS BOWMAN**

converted his solo medical practice into a rural health center in August 1996. He now employs two physician assistants, one R.N., one medical assistant and two clerical staff members. His facility is called the Bowman Health Center.

### **PETER MURPHY**

is the COO for Sassaby Cosmetics and is living with his wife Stephanie Coffey '75 and two sons, Peter and Alex, in Parkton, MD.

## 1977

### **APRIL LINDEVALD**

completed her eighth fall in the New York City Opera Regular Chorus. She did some solo work this Christmas season in several performances of Handel's "Messiah," the Bach "Christmas Oratorio," and as the Mother in "Amahl and the Night Visitors," all in NYC or on Long Island where she lives with her wonderful husband Brian and two delightful dogs, Stewart and Amelia. April went to Paris in January to perform at a special festival honoring composer Iannis Xenakis. This past summer she entertained WC friend Tom Goode '79, wife Jane and daughter Victoria, as well as Kat Johnston '77 in September. April says "hi" to all her other dear friends and teachers.

## 1978

### **KATHY OBEAR**

is learning to live a very full life in Belchertown, MA, with her partner, Paulette Dalpes. Kathy owns her own management and organizational development consulting business specializing in managing diversity.

### **BARRY ROLLINS**

reports, "I continue to pulverize George Mullinix '78 in our Monday Night Football bets!"

### **ELIZABETH BUTLER STEPHENSON**

writes, "Just about this same time 20 years ago (my senior year) I was relaxing on a table in the hospital in Chestertown having a cast removed from my leg. It's been at least 16 years since I've been close enough to a volleyball court to work up a sweat let alone break my foot. I spent every spare moment writing my senior thesis. Stonewall Jackson and I became lifelong friends that year and I'm happy to say that I still like to write and I still stand and salute every time the general's name is mentioned. I'll try my hardest to get to our 20th reunion. I hope some of you '78'ers will too!"

## 1979

### **MARY ANNE ASPENSHADE**

reports, "I'm still active in early music with Consort Anon. We spent last summer making a Christmas music recording.

Check out our web site at [http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/consort\\_anon/](http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/consort_anon/) for pictures and sound samples."

#### KEVIN CAROUGE

was recently promoted to the position of President, Synthes Maxillofacial, a division of Synthes USA.

#### VALERIE REINDOLLAR

##### LIPPINCOTT'S

e-mail address is: [otterbanks@juno.com](mailto:otterbanks@juno.com).

#### BARBARA "BABS" BURDETTE

##### STRIBLING

and Rob Stribling '77 were married this past September and are residing in Silver Spring, MD. Babs is a certified public accountant and a certified financial planner working for herself and part-time for Clifton Gunderson, L.L.C. Rob is an assistant vice president working for MBNA Financial Services. The two plan to move to the Eastern Shore or the Annapolis area this summer.

#### KAY MORRIS SWEENEY

is training and handling Labrador Retrievers in field trial competitions in Brenham, TX, (December through May) and in Maryland.

## 1980

#### LOREN C. BAIM

writes, "We have just adopted a three-year-old girl from Guatemala, Marta Cecelia. My husband and I are working on a three-year medical missionary program in Guatemala, where we hope to see improvement in the level of health care. We will return (to Guatemala) in April for the third in a series of six mission trips. In February we will be in language school in Costa Rica—trying to improve our Spanish fluency. Sure wish I had studied Spanish as an undergraduate!"

#### MARK CHAPMAN

writes, "I am still in the Washington, DC area, living in Kensington, MD, and working now for my third year at Langley School in McLean, VA. Langley is a private nursery through eighth grade school. I do administrative work in support of

## MARRIAGES

Suzanne Fischer '95 to Steve Huettner '91, on August 31, 1997. Honor attendants were Elizabeth Carone Peters '93 and David Snyder '92. Other attendants: Kouri Coleman Miller '96, Hal McBee '92, Geoff Rupert '94 and Jonathan Seal '92.

Nicole Zemanski '96 to Christopher Marano on June 21, 1997 in Baltimore, MD.



Mollie Storke '96 to William A. Graham on July 12, 1997. Alumni, retired college employees and students in attendance were: (front row) Eve Zartman Ball '94, Mollie Storke Graham '96, Laura Heidel '95, (back row) Michael Storke '2000, Natalie Brecht '99, Lois Kuhn, Dr. Nick DeStefano '66, Paula DeStefano '95, Betty Herrschaff DeStefano '66 and William Ball '94.



Mary Brown '87 M'93 to Michael Lester in June 1997. Pictured (front, l-r): Cora Shorter McVey '88, Barb Brown Kronner '86, Cindi Goss '91, Mary and Michael, Chrissy Wiant Funenatto '90, Paula Cunningham Pavon '88, M'90, Kristine McMenamin '96, and Chris Freil '85. Back (l-r): Jeff Harrison '86, Ruth Vaeth Reed '86 (with daughter Rachel), Melanie Wade Wing '89, David Crowley '86, Davis Jefferson '88, Jennifer Jefferson Miller '91, Lauren Ebaugh Halterman '87 (with daughter Alexandra), Chuck Halterman '89. Attending but not pictured: Kim Faulkner Coulbourne '87 and Stephanie Sheppard '89.



Cheryl Bull '95 to Scott Overend '93 on March 15, 1997. Alumni in the wedding were: Shelley Brown '95, Pam Hendrickson Boan '94, Joe Boan '93, Denise Coleman Hanilee '94, Amy Draper '95 and Geoff Rupert '94.

Barbara "Babs" Burdette '79 to Robertson Stribling '77 on September 21, 1997 in Edgewater, MD. After vaguely knowing each other at WC, they met at a 1996 Theta Chi picnic in Baltimore. Pictured from left: Stephanie Coffey Murphy '75, Peter Murphy '76, Cathy Bauerman Schwartz '79, Babs Burdette Stribling '79, Rob Stribling '77, JoAnne Miller Gray '79 and Billy Williams '76.



# The Big Event

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## Reunion 1998

THE 1998 WASHINGTON COLLEGE ALUMNI REUNION promises to be the best ever. The climax of this exciting weekend is The Big Event. This candlelit, starlit evening on the Martha Washington Plaza begins with cocktail entertainment by our own jazz and blues diva, Sue Dunning Matthews '75. Dinner fare includes President John Toll's address to alumni and Professor John Conkling's '65 pyrotechnic salute to our old friend William Smith and the alumni who are helping to fund the restoration of our campus's most historic classroom building.\* After dinner, the classes of 1938 through 1997 will dance to the Rhondels, one of the most popular dance bands on the East Coast. And we will raise a champagne toast to our soon-to-be-alumni, the members of the Class of 1998.

*\*Your Annual Fund/Reunion gift reflects your pride in Washington College, and also helps us match a \$500,000 challenge grant from the Kresge Foundation. The name of each person making a contribution to this project will be inscribed on a scroll that will be permanently displayed in the restored William Smith Hall.*

**Saturday  
May 16, 1998**

our preschool and middle school. With all due respect to those in the field, I am happy to say that I have escaped the world of advertising! I have no news on my social/extracurricular life since I quite frequently work 12 hours a day. I never realized how hard it was to run a school until I started work here. My hat's off to all WC staff! Anyone wishing to contact me on the 'net, please feel free to do so at [mchapman@langley.edu.net](mailto:mchapman@langley.edu.net)."

**MARY CURRIER DEMOSS** and Jeff are loving West Virginia! She writes, "I am now working as a job developer for people with disabilities. We just bought a beautiful old house on a creek and on level ground, which you do not see much of in WV! Jeff is great and feeding all the Mountaineers (football team) at West Virginia University. Currently WVU is merging the two separate Food Services, so Jeff has been busy putting

things together. If anyone is ever in the Morgantown, WV area, come see us!"

**DR. EVELYN BRENNAN FELLUCA**, Lynn Smith Lyke '80 and Rita Messick McWilliams '80 were in attendance at the wedding of Julie Wheeler '81. Dr. Felluca is a OB/GYN in Herndon, VA. She is the mother of two, Maria, 2, and Derek, 6 months. Lynn is an attorney in New York City and has a one-year-old son,

Scott. Rita, the mother of Maria, 2, is the manager of News Services for Tax Management in Washington, DC and had twins in February! Julie is an IBM executive now living in New Fairfield, CT.

**STEVE KINLOCK M'87** teaches Social Studies and Special Methods Social Studies at St. Michaels (MD) High School. He is coaching the chess team with fellow alumnus



**Alexander "Sandy" Jones '51 was saluted by his past and present fellow Washington College Board members for his 31 years of service on the Board of Visitors and Governors. Sandy is both Washington College legend and legacy. He is pictured here with his daughter Kathleen '77 and son Patrick '84.**

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Sean Kennedy '89. The St. Michael's High School Chess Team recently won its second consecutive national title in its division. Steve holds a seat on the Talbot County Council.

**DWIGHT "IKE" LATHAM** co-authored "The Effect of Polyol Functionality on Water Blown Rigid Foams" which was published in the July/August volume of *Journal of Cellular Plastics*.

**DAN WHITAKER** is teaching computer networking at Johns Hopkins University and is working as an independent network consultant. He is living in his hometown of Annapolis, MD, with his wife Barbee and their three children, Colin, 6, Henry, 2, and Allison, 6 months. A former member of Washington College crew, he rows his single scull on the Severn River.

**JOHN K. WUNDERLICH** represented Washington College at the inauguration of Dr. Michael Adams, the 21st president at the University of Georgia, on March 9, 1998. John is on the research faculty for molecular genetics at the University of Georgia in Athens.

**1981**  
**GLEN BEEBE**, vice president of the Washington College Alumni Association, was selected mayor of Washington Township, Mercer County New Jersey, for the year 1998. He was sworn in on January 5, 1998.

**DIANA HOWARD JOHNSON** has earned the Chartered Financial Consultant (ChFC) professional designation from the American College, Bryn Mawr, PA. Candidates for ChFC designation must complete a 10-course curriculum of study and 20 hours of supervised examinations, and fulfill experience and ethical requirements. Johnson also holds a Chartered Life Underwriter (CLU) designation through American College. Johnson is vice president of the benefit and planning firm, Ann H. Howard & Associates Inc., where she has been employed in insurance and financial services for the last ten years. She is the professional development chairman and past president of the Chesapeake Association of Life underwriters, and a registered representative of Guardian Investor Services Corporation.

**JOHN LONNQUEST** received his Ph.D. in history from Duke University in May 1996. This past March he began work as an Air Force historian in Sacramento, CA. He just had his first book published, *A History of the United States Cold War Missile Program*.

**KATHY WAYE '81, M'90**, after 20 wonderful years at Washington College, decided to relocate closer to home and is now Director of Freshman Admissions at Keuka College in upstate New York. Allie, Kathy's 7-year-old daughter, and Kathy are doing well and want you to keep in touch — 800-33-

KEUKA,  
kwaye@mail.keuka.edu.

**1982**

**VERA CACCIOPPOLI SWIT** is busy raising triplet sons born on Leap Day 1996. She is also back at work writing. Her non-fiction articles have appeared in the *Washington Post*, *Self*, National Public Radio and *Twins Magazine* where she also writes the "Threesomes" column. In November her screenplay won First Place at the Worldfest Charleston International Film Festival. She and her husband Michael Swit and their sons, Anthony, Joseph and Rafael live in Falls Church, VA.

**JEANNIE MERRICH MADDUX** and husband Tommy are living in Baltimore and raising three wild and crazy boys—Alex, Robby and Austin. As the boys get older, they plan to visit Chestertown by boat, hopefully this summer. They have been to Rock Hall for some great crabs.

**WILLIAM MCCAIN** recently completed a term as president of the Wicomico Rotary Club in Salisbury, MD. He is president of W. R. McCain & Associates, a real estate valuation and consulting firm. He resides in Salisbury with his wife, Teresa, and daughters, Rachel, 5, and Caitlin, 2.

**LEE MCCOLLOUGH** is directing Tennessee Williams' *Cat On A Hot Tin Roof* for Ted Avon Players (TAP) in May 1998. Lee became involved

with community theater in 1994 when he assisted with lights for TAP's production of Agatha Christie's *Ten Little Indians*. He has been involved in some capacity in every TAP production since. Each year he mentors drama students at Sts. Peter and Paul High School who are responsible for the technical aspects of their productions. He is also Vice President of the Talbot County Arts Council, which provides grant money for arts education projects. He encourages everyone from WC to come see his spring production.

**CHRISTOPHER PERRY**

reports, "All is well on Nantucket. I see an occasional WC friend. Please visit. Go Sho'men!"

**1983**

**ELIZABETH TAYLOR FRIEDMANN** has three girls and is an ophthalmic technician.

**MELANIE PULLEN GNESS**

has started her own company and is president of T. Alexander & Associates Legislation and Public Relations, which offers public affairs, media relations and government relations assistance to companies.

**ANNA JEANETTE HAZEL**

writes, "I am the mother of four daughters, Natalie, 7, Meredith, 5, Gwyneth, 2, and Alyssa, born October 8, 1997. I am a 'stay-at-home' mom who is never home. I love volunteering in the public school where my oldest two attend."

**CAROL BALDWIN MCCOLLOUGH '83**

earned certification as a histotechnician from the American College of Clinical Pathologists in December. Carol works in the histology laboratory of the Cooperative Oxford Laboratory investigating diseases of aquatic animals. She will be presenting a workshop in histology as a tool in the demonstration of diseases and parasites of shellfish at the Region II Seminar of the National Society of Histotechnology in late March. For any birding alumni, Carol says, "I saw number 350, a white-winged crossbill, at Liberty Reservoir on January 12, 1998."



**1997 WC Athletic Hall of Fame inductees are George Buckless '69, All Conference baseball, All Conference soccer; Joe Sutton '47, letters in football, track and field; John "Jack" Bergen '55, All Conference basketball; Ken Sullivan '52, All Conference baseball pitcher; Professor Penny Fall; and Barry Drew '70, All American soccer. Members of the 1969 soccer team were also honored.**

#### **GARY SPARKS**

and his wife Bethany own and operate Homecoming Child Care in Hillsborough, NH. Their business offers both high quality child care and a pre-school program to prepare children for their entry into either public or private school. They opened for their students in August 1997.

#### **1984**

##### **SUSAN BAKER BOONE**

is teaching English I, II, IV, Journalism and Yearbook at Queen Anne's County High School in Centreville, MD.

##### **MICHELE MCKAY**

received her master's degree in elementary education and is teaching at the Providence School in Elkton, MD. It is a school for disruptive students in grades 6-9. E-mail: mmckay@ccps.org.

##### **JOE STALLINGS**

played in the alumni golf tournament in October 1997.

#### **1985**

##### **TERRI DELANCEY-THOMAS**

is working as a management analyst for the Division of Youth Rehab at a juvenile detention center.

#### **ERIC ILHYUNG LEE**

is teaching at Tulane University Law School in New Orleans. His e-mail: elee@law.tulane.edu.

#### **ALLISON BARTH SHERMAN**

and her family moved to Minnesota in December. Her husband is opening a law firm in Minneapolis and she is staying home with the children, but expecting to return to teaching next fall.

#### **1986**

##### **VICTOR OESANTIS**

received tenure and promotion in the Department of Political Science at Bridgewater State College in Massachusetts. He began last fall as Associate Professor.

##### **ERIC GERINGSWALD**

has moved to CT Corporation where he is the Eastern Regional Manager for UCC Services. He, Victoria '88, Marcus and Maximilian welcomed Sophia Nadine to the world on November 17, 1997.

##### **DAN GERSTENFIELD**

obtained his Master's of Social Work in June 1997 and is now working as Director of Quality Assurance for People Encouraging People in Baltimore. He lives in Annapolis with his wife, Melissa Harter, their new son and two dogs.

#### **PAULA MILLER**

is serving in the Peace Corps in Poland, teaching English as a second language.

**LEE AND LELA CONYERS OGDEN '88**  
are still enjoying life in Bermuda with their two daughters. Caroline is 3 and Heather is 1.

**DARLENE GENCAVAGE SPURRIER**  
is a guidance counselor at Henry Highland Garnett Elementary School in Chestertown. She and her husband, Scott Spurrier '84, have two daughters, Rachel, 4, and Allison, 1.

#### **TAMMY TIEHEL**

writes, "I graduated from the American Film Institute in June 1997 with a Master's of Fine Arts degree. I am currently working as a documentary producer at KAOS Entertainment in Santa Monica, CA."

#### **1987**

##### **JENNIFER BILLINGS CARLE**

and husband Ken welcomed baby #2 into the world on September 15, 1997. "Timothy is a source of great delight for us. Our 3-year-old son Alex is adjusting to his role as big brother. Both boys keep us on our toes. I feel so fortunate to be able to put my career on hold to watch these guys grow up (actually behavior modification is practiced regularly around our house, so I guess I am still working!)"

##### **KELLY CALLAWAY CHILDS**

completed her M.A. at the University of Maryland and taught freshman composition at a community college in South Carolina. At the same time she worked in the college's writing center and became interested in one-on-one writing instruction. In 1993 she was coordinator of writing services at the Citadel in Charleston, SC. As assistant director of advising at Loyola College in Baltimore, Kelly has developed the college's tutorial center named "The Study." She is also homeschooling her 5-year-old niece and her son (preschool).

##### **MELISSA HARTER**

obtained her Master's of Information Science from Catholic University in January 1997 and

is working as Assistant Librarian for the firm of Miles & Stockbridge in Baltimore.

#### **MARY BROWN LESTER**

writes, "After leaving my position as Associate of Summer Conferences at WC in 1993, I worked as a vocational rehabilitation consultant with a private firm in Wilmington, DE. I provided counseling and job search/placement training for Workers' Compensation recipients. In addition, I testified as an expert witness in hearings before the Delaware Industrial Accident Board. During my job-related travel, I was able to track down a number of WC alums in Delaware and Maryland. Last June I tied the knot with Petty Officer First Class Michael Lester of the US Navy (Thanks a million to Jen J. and the C.C. Stingers Gang!). Mike and I live in Waialua, HI, which is located on the North Shore of Oahu. I am currently working at Schofield Barracks as a Job Assistance Counselor providing job search and transition training to Army personnel who are leaving the military. After hours, Mike and I pass the time by snorkeling and checking out the surf at The Pipeline and Sharks Cove. Thanks to the WC staff for a great Reunion Weekend!"

#### **JUDY BECKMANN MACLEAN**

is working in sales & marketing for The Praxis Group, Inc., a system integrator, in Burlington, MA. She sells computer networks to Commonwealth of MA, municipalities, school districts and colleges. Judy and her husband reside in Tewksbury, MA.

#### **MARIA WAYNANT PATCHAN**

is keeping busy with daughters Julianne and Katy. In her spare time she works in the publishing field, editing the New Products column of *IEEE Circuits and Devices Magazine*.

#### **1988**

##### **JOHN ALBERT**

and wife Anne Lindenbaum Albert '89 recently bought an arts & crafts style bungalow near Westminster, MD, and may finally start thinking about starting a family. "After all, we've only been married eight years!"

## I N M E M O R I A M

Henrietta C. Straughn '27 died on August 17, 1997 in Wilmington, DE. She was the widow of the late W. David R. "Doc" Straughn '21, who taught chemistry briefly at Washington College before joining DuPont. "Doc" Straughn's father, David, also graduated from Washington College in 1883. Her two daughters predeceased her. Mrs. Straughn is survived by a niece, Margaret Venn.

Milby C. Langford '28 died on December 27, 1997 in Salisbury, MD. He was a high school teacher in the area for several years and then worked for Washington National Insurance Company until retirement. He was a member of the Bethesda United Methodist Church. He was a member of the Wicomico Masonic Lodge 91, the Scottish Rite Lodge of Perfection, a 32nd degree Mason for more than 50 years and foreman member of AARP and Happy Timers. He is survived by his wife, Frances Moore Taylor, a son, F. Steele Langford '52, two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Walter T. "Pete" Morris, Jr. '29 died on September 2, 1997. A lifelong resident of Chestertown, Morris is among four generations of the Morris family to farm Brick House Farm on Mary Morris Road. He was awarded the Washington College Alumni Citation in 1959 for his excellence in the field of agriculture. He served in the Maryland National Guard (rank of second lieutenant), served as treasurer of Kent County and was district supervisor of the Kent County Soil District for 24 years. He was a director of the former Interstate Milk Producers from 1946-70 and served as director of the board for Choptank Electric. In 1987 he received the President's Award in Rural Electrification given by the

co-ops of Virginia, Maryland and Delaware. He was a Maryland 4-H Club All-Star, active in P.T.A. and a long-time member of the St. James United Methodist Church in Worton. In addition to his wife of 60 years, he is survived by two children and four grandchildren.

Joseph E. Phillips '31 died on November 1, 1996.

Leah Frederick Perry '36, wife of the late John W. Perry '37, died on January 14, 1998. She is survived by sons Steve Perry '80, John III and David Perry, daughter Ellen, and seven grandchildren.

Lawrence K. Yourtee '37 died on December 19, 1997 in Londonderry, NH. Larry received his Master's of Science degree from Georgia Institute of Technology in 1939 and his Ph.D. from the University of Texas in Austin in 1947. For 35 years he was a member of the Department of Chemistry at Hamilton College in Clinton, NY, where he also served as department chairman and was awarded the MacEwen Professorship. When he retired in 1982, his former students established a perpetual prize scholarship in his name for the student who showed the most improvement in his first year of chemistry. He was active in many professional societies. Larry was a communicant at the St. James Episcopal Church in Clinton, where he served as vestryman, church treasurer, building committee chairman and warden. Last year, he and his wife Mildred relocated to Londonderry, NH. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his son Edward, three grandchildren, and his brother John H. Yourtee of Wawa, PA.

Ruth Powell Sweitzer '39 died June 20, 1997 at her home in California. While at Wash-

ington College she became qualified to teach three languages, French, German and Spanish. Ruth graduated from Philadelphia Business College and went to work as a business assistant for the Office Manager of the American Investment Co. She was active in the Cape May Point Women's Civic Club. She is survived by two children, three grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Emilie Skirven Spencer '43 died on August 31, 1997 in Chestertown. She taught for 41 years in the Worton/Fairlee areas of Kent County and served as a principal for 15 of those years, retiring in 1970. She was a member of the Retired Teachers Association, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, and the Daughters of the American Revolution, and served on the Kent & Queen Anne's Hospital Auxiliary. She is survived by two children, a brother and sister, and two grandchildren.

Donald Duckworth '51 died on December 8, 1997 in Kensington, MD. At Washington College Don was an economics major, a member of the Theta Chi fraternity, the varsity lacrosse team, and the national honor society, ODK. Once owner of D-J Medical Systems in Raleigh, NC, Don had retired to Orlando, FL and returned to Chestertown in May 1996 for his 45th Reunion. He is survived by daughter S. Kimble Duckworth '73 and three sons, Michael, Robert and Christopher Duckworth all of Charleston, SC.

Glenn W. Pippin '54, of Centreville, MD, died on September 8, 1997. He served in the U.S. Navy and worked for the National Security Administration. From 1957-1960 he was employed by the Maryland State Police in Easton and in 1960 began working for Preston Trucking Company. In the 1970s he was ap-

pointed by the governor of Maryland to the Criminal Justice Board and later became director of the Governor's Commission on Crime and Law Enforcement. In 1980 Pippin retired and sold real estate for Anderson Stokes in Queenstown. He was a member of Centreville United Methodist Church and Jeff Davis American Legion Post No. 18, was past president of the Preston Lions Club, and was active in several civic associations in Centreville.

Pippin is survived by his mother, a son, three daughters, a brother and three grandchildren.

A road in Southern New Jersey was named for Robert H. Penkethman '57, who died in 1995. The road leading into the high school, where Penkethman was vice principal, was renamed Penkethman Way during a ceremony in September.

Warren Wasson '57 passed away on New Year's Day 1997. He is survived by his wife.

John H. Barkdoll '67 died on November 26, 1997 of cancer. He was president of the Business Network, an interactive advisory board for business owners that he helped found in 1987. After receiving a master's degree in business from Harvard University, John was vice president of marketing for Equitable Bank from 1968-1984. He is survived by his wife of 12 years, Lis Beth, a son, two daughters, his mother, and a sister.

Marc L. Doucette '85 died on December 12, 1997 in Bridgeport, CT. He was the manager at Gloria's Sleep Shop in Westport, CT. While at Washington College Marc was active in club lacrosse and football as well as golf and tennis. He was a member of the Lambda Pi Delta Fraternity. He is survived by his wife Anne, his mother, a brother, and four sisters.

**TOM CALLAHAN M'92**

writes, "As head coach of girls' basketball at Easton (MD) High School, I was pleased to celebrate three Bayside titles and two State Championships in 1993 and 1994. I share Department Chair duties with Barry Grim M'93 and my Chess Team loses regularly to Steve Kinlock's '80, M'87 St. Michael's High School team. I am additionally challenged each summer as the Easton High School Summer School Programs Coordinator."

**WILLIAM FAUST**

completed a master's degree in public administration with a concentration in health administration from Kean College in May 1997. During his time at Kean, he was inducted into Pi Alpha, the National Honor Society for public affairs and administration. He is currently working in project management for Gardiner-Caldwell SnyderMed, an international medical education company based in Califon, NJ. Bill continues to work as a paramedic in Hunterdon County.

**KRISTINA TATUSKO HENRY'S** first children's book, *Sam, The Tale of a Chesapeake Bay Rockfish*, was published by Tidewater Publishers in January. She is now Assistant Director of Alumni Affairs at Washington College.

**KAREN HINSON,**

a social studies teacher in Baltimore County, was one of four grand prize winners in C-SPAN's competition for an Equipment for Education grant. This year's topic was Alexis de Tocqueville and Democracy in America. Karen will receive \$500 worth of media equipment and an all-expenses-paid study trip to Paris and Normandy in March.

**ALICE LEE HUTCHISON**

is teaching biology, environmental science and AP environmental science at Easton High School in Easton, MD. She is also a certified scuba diver.

**WILLIAM JONES**

is working on his M.A. in History at the University of New Hampshire.

**JOSEPH W. MAGGIO**

is working at various odd jobs while pursuing a writing career.

**JOHN MURPHY**

is now Senior Sales Manager in Latin America for Chick Master, the worldwide leader in incubation systems for the poultry industry. He is responsible for serving hatchery managers and clients in Bolivia, Chili, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico and Peru. Before joining Chick Master, John worked as a Sales and Service Representative for Arbor Acres Farm in the company's Latin America division. He lives in Longmeadow, MA, with his wife Amy.

**M'88****SHARON E. STRAND**

received the Ph.D. degree in Rhetoric and Composition from Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio last May. She is an Assistant Professor in the English Department at Black Hills State University, Spearfish, SD.

**1989****ERIC BECKER**

is a school counselor (7th & 8th grades) at West Windsor-Plainsboro Middle School in Plainsboro, NJ. He is deacon of the Morrisville Presbyterian Church in Morrisville, PA, and is assistant varsity basketball coach at West Windsor-Plainsboro High School. He reports that his wife, Beth Munder Becker '88, and son Troy, 3, are doing well.

**CHAD BENTLEY**

relocated from Crofton, MD, to Erie, PA, with his wife Shelly and 3-year-old daughter Shannon last July. He is a vice president for an Erie-based company and Shelly is teaching at Edinboro University. He says, "It's a lot colder up here, but the cost of living is much lower, and there's no rush hour!"

**JOHN BUETTNER**

is associate account executive at Miller Business Communications (MBC) in Exton, PA. He is responsible for supporting MBC staff in executing current projects and assisting the agency principals in new business development. Previously, John was a marketing and advertising consultant for Chesapeake Railroad Company.

**DAVID SAMMATARO**

and wife Deborah welcomed a new daughter, Julia Elizabeth, to the family on July 29, 1997. Julia joins brother Jacob who is 2. David says "hello" to all his fellow Sigs!

**PAT YOUNGS**

recently accepted a new job as a sales manager with Canon USA's Government Marketing Division. His wife, Denise Smith Youngs '89, completed her third marathon, the Marine Corps Marathon, in October.

**1990****STARR CATHERS M'96**

is teaching Internet and library skills as a media specialist at Rock Hall Middle School. Starr was responsible for developing the media program there and has extended hours at this library to teach Internet skills to the Rock Hall community.

**ROB DINKER**

is currently working for North Star Express in Falls Church, VA, as a sales account manager. He still sees alumni—Dave Cromwell '91, John Kennedy '88, Rich MacKnight '89 and Chris Smith '89 to name a few. "All is going well!"

**MIKE HAMMER**

lives in Philadelphia ("the city of Brotherly Love and Sisterly Affection") in an 1840s townhouse. He manages the American Art Department at the Philadelphia Museum of Art. Since graduation, Mike has earned an M.F.A. from the University of Maryland, founded *The Plum Review*, an award-winning literary magazine with an international readership, and "written a few poems" for which he received a Washington DC Commission for the Arts grant and an Academy of American Poets Prize.

**JENNIFER NICHOLSON HOLDEN**

is teaching 5th grade reading and writing classes at Sudlersville Elementary School in Queen Anne's County, MD. She just received her master's degree in English from WC.

**PETER JOHNSON**

is working at Citibank in strategic sourcing in New York City.

**Ed Nordberg '82, Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Director of HealthCare Financial Partners, Inc., talked with WC business students recently about his company that provides financing to doctors and nursing homes and other health operations. Founded in 1993, HCFP recently went public with its 1997 revenue at \$9.8 million and a market capitalization of \$400 million.**

**He emphasized the importance of keeping up with technological advances and the importance of business reputation. Nordberg earned an M.B.A. degree from Loyola College and his J.D. degree from the Georgetown University Law Center.**



He is getting married this May and looks forward to seeing many of his WC friends at the wedding.

#### NEIL MACINDOE

recently passed the Maryland Bar exam, but continues to work for the Office of Federal Investigations in Baltimore. He spends the rest of his time sailboat racing and kayaking. He will be marrying Jean Poffel on the Eastern Shore in April 1998 and the two plan to reside in Annapolis to be closer to the Bay and "Good Old Chestertown!"

#### JENNIFER M. GROTON TOWERT

is working for Meridian Project Systems, Inc., in North Vancouver, British Columbia. Her e-mail: jtowert@mps-canada.com.

#### 1991

##### JACQUELINE COLLINS

remains in Richmond teaching children who don't want to learn. She is also performing in the VA-MD area. She is optimistic and hopes to start work on her Ph.D. in the next year.

##### KELLI FARRELL HELBLING

has moved to Grove City, PA, where her husband, Todd, is the head tennis coach at Slippery Rock University. Kelli is enjoying being a "stay-at-home" mom with their son Luke.

##### JUSTIN MCINTYRE

graduated from the College of William and Mary in September 1996 with a Ph.D. in Nuclear Physics. He is currently working for Rutgers University at the Jefferson National Laboratory in Virginia. He's taking data in Germany and hopes to make his way back to California after a 13-year absence, "to drink good wines and hug big trees!"

##### HOUGHTON PHILLIPS

and his wife Frannie moved to Baltimore after six years of living in New York City. Houghton is a financial consultant for Merrill Lynch in the Inner Harbor and Frannie is an account executive for Gray, Kirk/VanSant.

##### CLIFF SCHROEDER

and his wife Alice celebrated

#### CALLING ALL ALUMNI

## Career Website

**N**eed a job? Need an employee? Want to offer an internship? The Career Development Center invites alumni to share information about internships and job opportunities on the College's website.

Employers can either send information about job openings for students and alumni to check out on the web, or provide a link to their own website. The Career Development Center also posts resumes of students and alumni who are seeking new positions, and welcomes employers who would like to interview graduating seniors on campus. Contact Ted Knight in Career Development at 300 Washington Avenue, Chestertown, MD 21620. Phone 410-778-7890, fax 410-810-7108, or e-mail [ted.knight@washcoll.edu](mailto:ted.knight@washcoll.edu).

their first wedding anniversary on September 28, 1997 and can't wait to celebrate their second. Cliff recently left his communications director position with Governor George Allen to join The Vectre Corporation, a small government relations firm, as their senior Republican legislative lobbyist, representing clients in Virginia and Washington. He speaks to classmates Hardy Taylor '91, Laura Gareau '91 and Fred MacLean '91, John Kircher '91, Rich Wood '91 and Erin Feely '91 and Chris Deri '91 often, but cannot seem to get in touch with FRANK CRAVELLI OR CHUCK CORT who are apparently lost in California. "If anyone knows where either guy is please e-mail me at: [cschroed@richmond.infi.net](mailto:cschroed@richmond.infi.net) OR [mattoax@aol.com](mailto:mattoax@aol.com)."

**PETRA FAJERSON WILCOX** is living in New York City where she and her husband Alex have a digital photography studio. Petra will earn her MBA from Stern in May 1998. She welcomes news of any alumni at [PhotoDPI@aol.com](mailto:PhotoDPI@aol.com).

**DR. JULIANNE MORGAN WYMAN** received the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery from the University of Maryland Dental School in May and is currently a resident in their three-year orthodontics program (with a combined Master's of Science in Oral Biology). She was married to John Wyman '93 in August, who recently received tenure as a social studies teacher at Kent County High School. They are buying a home on Kent Island, MD.

## 1992

##### KASEY AND BRIAN BASSO

are living in Tampa, FL, where Brian is teaching 8th grade science at Stewart Middle School and Kasey is an intern in psychiatry. Kasey graduated from medical school in May 1997 and started her residency in Tampa in July. She plans to go into child and adolescent psychiatry. Kasey is very active in triathlons and was ranked 32nd last year in the nation in her age group. Look for her in the Hawaii Ironman in the next few years. Brian is an avid mountain biker. Their two dogs, Jaxson and Tigger, keep them busy. They recently bought a house and are eager to hear from alumni visiting the Tampa/St. Petersburg area. "We would love to hear from some of our ZTA and KA friends!"

##### DARRYL C. CALLOWAY

is teaching social studies, grades 6 & 7, at Sudlersville Middle School in Sudlersville, MD. Darryl serves as faculty adviser to the school's Ecology Corps, which met with Vice President Al Gore this past fall. Darryl is secretary for the Administrative Board at Christ Methodist Church in Chestertown where he sings tenor in the Chancel Choir. He also coaches indoor soccer for 5-7 year olds at the Kent Athletic & Wellness Center in Chestertown.

##### RICH GARDINER

and his wife Krissy are expecting their first child this May. Rich is working at the Edgewood (MD) Proving Ground as an emer-

gency planner for Chem-Bio anti-terrorism projects. He is also a part-time stockbroker for a local financial firm.

##### JOHN GRIEP

was promoted from senior reporter to news editor for the *Star Democrat*. Griep has been a reporter for this paper since January 1994.

##### PAMELA FEENEY HUFFMAN

is art director with UCG, a newsletter & magazine publisher and is contributing editor of *What's Working in Graphics*. She is enjoying life in her new home in Falls Church, VA, with husband Michael and two cats, Haley & Tucker.

##### JOHN KELLY

is still working for MCI and is living in Alexandria, VA. He can be reached by e-mail at [john.kelly@mci.com](mailto:john.kelly@mci.com).

##### STEFANIE LEE-YOU

and her husband live in Southern California where she is an account executive with Shore Resources, Inc. Her husband is studying to get his M.D./Ph.D. in Biophysics/Dermatology at University of California at Irvine.

##### DAVID MILLER

graduated from NYU in 1994 with a degree in International Business and International Affairs through the Liberal Studies Program. He is now a financial adviser at a nationwide broker dealer where he manages money for institutional clients as well as individuals.

**RACHAEL RICE**

is a policy analyst at MICUA, the Maryland Independent College & University Association. MICUA is located in Annapolis and is an umbrella organization that encompasses Maryland's 18 independent higher education institutions, including Washington College.

**JUDY SUMMERS TANT**

is teaching Developmental English at Edgecombe Community College in Tarboro, NC. She is currently enrolled in an Adult Education graduate program at East Carolina University and expects to graduate this summer.

**TRACY GREENAWALT WILSON**

is working for First Union Capital Markets in Fixed Income Sales in Richmond, VA.

**1993****TIM BUCKHEIT**

was working in DC at the U.S. Department of Education for the past three years, but moved to South Carolina last summer with his wife Pam. He is back in school full-time at Columbia International University and is pursuing a Master of Divinity in Pastoral Leadership at the seminary. He plans to become a church pastor with the Christian and Missionary Alliance after graduation. He says the classes are very challenging but he is really enjoying them. If all goes well, he will finish in three or four years. In addition to school, Tim is the youth director at Pelion Baptist Church in Pelion, SC.

**JEN DEL NERO MODRE**

and Matt Moore '91 had a son, Michael Colin, in October. Before the birth, Jen finished her M.Ed. in Special Education

from the University of Mississippi (Ole Miss) and subsequently taught an undergraduate course for the college at a satellite campus. She and Matt plan to move back East this summer after five years in the Mississippi Delta.

**MICHELLE HARRISON TRISSELL**

is CPA and manager for George M. Miller, CPA, LLC in Salisbury, MD.

**SUSAN ALEXANDER JENKINS**

is teaching science (grades 6-8) at the Country School in Easton, MD. Recently, Susan was involved in the water assessment of Pickering Creek for dissolved oxygen, salinity, nitrogen, phosphorous, pH and turbidity. She was married to Jim Jenkins '92 in the summer of '96.

**KRISTIN A. LIEBIG**

graduated in May from the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy with her doctorate in clinical pharmacy. She is now a clinical community pharmacist with Giant Drug and is in their management program.

**JANE KENNEDY MACK**

writes, "I have recently changed jobs and I am now working as a computer software trainer in Research Triangle Park, NC. My husband and I have a new home in Chapel Hill and I still keep in close contact with many WC friends. If anyone is in the area, I'd love to hear from you!"

**CONCI POPE**

is teaching biology at Rising Sun High School in North East, MD. Conci is also in the process of completing her Master's of Science in Education at Western Maryland College.

**ELEANOR SHRIVER**

is the new head women's lacrosse and women's soccer coach at Washington College. She returns to Chestertown after gaining a wealth of valuable coaching experience at several schools.

**CHRIS VAUGHN**

has returned from Kenya where he served in the Peace Corps. He has enrolled in a one-year program in journalism at Columbia University, and will enroll in the fall of 1998 in a three-year JD program at Tulane Law School.

**JOHN WYMAN**

is a tenured social studies teacher at Kent County High School. He is also assistant tennis coach there and celebrated the team's District Championship in 1996 & 1997. John is also Reenacting Captain of the 2nd Maryland Inf. Co. 6 of the 3rd Battalion Army of Northern Virginia.

**1994****MARGARET M. BOWMAN**

enjoys living in Towson and keeps in touch with friends from college. She is currently working in the anesthesiology department at Liberty Medical Center and is taking classes at Towson University toward a second degree in biology. She loves to travel (especially to Canada) and plays volleyball in her spare time.

**DOUG HOFFBERGER**

writes, "Catherine and I are still hard at work furnishing our house."

**TINA LENNON**

is working at Country Swedish, Inc., a company that imports Swedish furniture, fabrics, wallcoverings and rugs. She has been with this company since January 1997 and was recently promoted to operations manager at the company's headquarters in South Norwalk, CT.

**CHARLIE REINHOFF**

is working for Davis Funds, a mutual fund company. He lives in Sante Fe, NM, with Andrew van Ogtrop '97.

**KAREN SCOTT**

is teaching journalism and advises the student newspaper, *The Paw Press*, at Queen Anne's County High School in Centreville, MD. She is engaged to Chris Hansen '91; a July wedding is planned.

**JENNIFER SENDAX**

is writing and producing for Lifetime Online — Lifetime Television's website ([www.lifetimetv.com](http://www.lifetimetv.com)). "All those Bob Day classes paid off! The Big Apple is a blast as usual but I miss the Eastern Shore!"

**THERESA SGANGA-VACCARO**

is teaching eighth grade mathematics and is Service & Learning coordinator at Franklin Middle School in Baltimore County. She is earning her Master's Degree in Leadership in Teaching at the College of Notre Dame.

**STEPHANY SLAUGHTER**

is currently teaching Spanish at Eastern Technical High School in Baltimore.

**STUART WARNER**

writes, "I am now back in South Bend, IN. My company, Consolidated Lighting, transferred me from Indianapolis in late November."

**1995****LISA BROWN**

is a corporate technical trainer at Aerotek in Baltimore. To all those job hunters she says, "Aerotek is always looking for bright enthusiastic people to bring on board! Call Human Resources at 800-927-8090 or check out our web page [www.aerotek.com](http://www.aerotek.com)."

**ALICIA CARBERRY**

writes, "I have recently changed jobs and currently work in the Human Resources Department of a top six accounting firm, Deloitte & Touche LLP, in their McLean, VA, office. I serve as the assignment coordinator in the Audit Division. I continue to keep in touch with my friends from WC!"

**APRIL DEMAR**

is teaching English at Western School of Technologies and En-

**CYBER NEWS****Find Your Friends**

 All alumni with e-mail addresses should register in our e-mail directory located on the alumni web page of the Washington College Web site. Simply go to the on-line directory and follow the instructions to register and find fellow alumni addresses.

vironmental Sciences, a magnet school for the gifted and talented in Baltimore. Adam, her son, is 26 months old and is doing well. April's address: 29 Tradewind Circle, Cockeysville, MD 21030.

**BEVERLY DIAZ**  
is living in Alexandria, VA, and is working as a technical writer for Stanley Associates, Inc. Brian Tarleton '95 is also employed at the same firm.

**SKIP GIBSON**  
is working for delegate Joe Getty '74, District 5, in Annapolis, MD.

**CHRIS HARGETT**  
writes, "I am living in Santa Cruz, CA, working at the corporate headquarters for West Marine Products, the nation's largest marine retailer, as an assistant buyer for sailboat hardware. I am still racing sailboats on the Bay, however the 'Bay' has changed from the Chesapeake Bay to the San Francisco Bay. Boy, is the water colder!"

**LAURA HEIDEL**,  
in addition to doing outpatient treatment and rehabilitation for the chronically mentally ill, has been involved in volunteer archaeology at Mt. Calvert in Maryland. This involves surface collections, shovel testing and lab work. Interested volunteers should contact Maryland National Park and Planning Commission.

**SHARLA PONDER MURRAY**  
is in her last semester of graduate work at the University of Maryland at Baltimore School of Social Work. She will receive her master's degree in May. She is doing her field work at Neighborhood Housing Services of Greater Hillendale where she has served as a community organizer since July. Sharla recently returned from southern India where she studied international social work for three weeks. Husband Matt received his master's degree in public and international affairs from the University of Pittsburgh last April and now works for the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service as an analyst.

## 1996

### ROBERT BROWN

moved back to Chestertown to take over as Promotions Director for a Web site design firm, Netstar System and Design Innovations. Currently, Robert oversees PR, sales, customer service, and advertising. "In our industry, we deal with print advertising as well as a broad range of Internet advertising that we utilize not only for ourselves, but for our clients," said Robert. NSDI currently serves over 40 clients, including such big names as Major League Baseball, Little Debbie snack cakes, and Slim Jim meat products. Each of these clients has large online catalogs, which are developed and maintained by Netstar.

### CHRISTOPHER DOWNS

is an English teacher and helps coach boys' varsity soccer at Arundel Senior High School near Annapolis, MD.

### FRANK FRISBIE

is teaching 6th & 7th grade language arts at Bates Middle School in Annapolis, MD. He is engaged to marry Kristy Forte of Bowie, MD, on September 19, 1998.

### MARY JEFFERSON

reported this at the October Reunion in Cyberspace — "I am working as a marketing and administrative assistant at a manufacturing company in Clayton, DE, Eagle Group or better known as Metal Masters Food Service Equipment. I consider myself very lucky that I've found a job within my major and I have a Macintosh sitting on my desk."

### CAREY HARGROVE

has been busy working for Hargrove, Inc., a Lanham, Maryland-based special event and production company. He has been involved with events surrounding the Summer '96 Olympics and the Winter 96-97 Presidential Inauguration. He is currently assistant account executive for the company.

### AMANDA KIRBY

is teaching social studies (government, law & world history) at Old Mill High School in



**Bill Bloom '96**, shown here (left) with Margie Wadsworth '94, and Keith Erikson '94, is enjoying life in Maine. He spent a great weekend in Bar Harbor with Keith and Margie. Steve Proakis '95 visited in December.

Anne Arundel County, MD. She plans to begin graduate study in history next fall.

Amanda serves as faculty adviser to Old Mill Key Club, the community service organization affiliated with Kiwanis.

### ELIZABETH LIKENS

was promoted to Meetings Coordinator at Treasury Management Association headquartered in Bethesda, MD.

### RON LOCKHART

and cousin Isabella Ironside have opened an art gallery, Ironhart Galleries, at Greenville Center in Greenville, DE. Grand opening was November 21, 1997.

### ADAM POE

is working for a sports marketing company in New York City.

### MELANIE STOER

and Robyn Shaw '96 are sharing a house in downtown Bethesda, MD. Melanie works with Amy Tingle '96 at Eagle Publishing on Capitol Hill, where she was recently appointed Senior Marketing Associate.

## 1997

### MARK AWANTANG

was named a 1997 Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholar by *Black Issues in Higher Education*. The award is based on outstanding academic and athletic achievement.

### REGIS DERAMEL

is living in Durham, NC, where he is working for the family business, CMD Realty Investors, Inc., a subsidiary of F. H. Prince.

### SHERRI FOSTER

is teaching 9th and 10th grade English at Chesapeake Senior High School in Anne Arundel County, MD.

### JENNIFER HAMMER

is teaching American Literature, Freshman English and US History at Red Bank Catholic High School in Red Bank, NJ. She writes, "I miss Chestertown and Washington College incredibly!"

### ERIN HASKELL

works in advertising and public relations at the *Daily Camera* in Boulder, CO.

### RACHEL ROLL

is attending the Elliott School of International Affairs. She has accepted one of the school's most prestigious merit fellowship awards and is now enrolled in the Master of Arts degree program in Security Policy Studies.

### JENNIFER RUENZEL

is teaching special education at East Lyme High School in Connecticut. She is also the rowing coach.

## How India Changed My Definitions

BY EVA KAPLAN-LEISERSON '98

The weekend after I returned from my three-week trip to India, I went with some friends to a Japanese restaurant. There I encountered a green sauce that was reportedly "extremely hot." When I tried a tiny amount of this sauce on my sushi, I couldn't taste it. When I placed a teaspoonful in my mouth, I barely felt a thing. After India, very little tasted hot to me.

India changes your definitions. Hot is a small example; poor is a big one. In terms of material wealth, I saw more poverty every day in India than I've seen in my entire life in America. And it was poverty of all varieties. In the city we saw tarp lean-to's lining every main street, stump-bandaged lepers squatting in the subway entrances, and ragged children dodging traffic to beg at tour-bus windows. In the rural areas old women and cripples line temple entrances, thin old men pedal tourists in bicycle rickshaws, and families in mud huts eek out a living on rice farms. Constant in both the city and rural areas were people begging and selling.

Don't get me wrong. There are well-off Indians—just as there are poor Americans. But poverty in the two countries differs by degree, visibility, and sheer numbers. Simply put: in India more people are poorer, and they're out en masse. There aren't ten

or fifteen sidewalk vendors trying to squeeze a living from passers-by—there are thirty or forty. There aren't five or ten homeless people asking for change on the street—there are fifty or sixty.

It was extremely difficult to say no to the beggars but we had to, lest we be mobbed by a crowd after giving change to one. Instead, we tried to give them something else: compassion. We tried to smile at them, acknowledge their humanity, give them a friendly word. Although these gestures wouldn't fill their stomachs, we hoped they would stay with the beggars after we left.

Many times, though, we were the ones left with an indelible impression. Among the beggars, and among the general populace of India, wealth, too, is redefined. Poverty and prosperity are not a simple matter of possessions. Although people in India with an abundance of material goods are relatively few and far between, people with a richness of spirit are found everywhere you look.

How can the poor be so rich in spirit—and even so often happy? They can be happy for the same reason well-off westerners can be unhappy. Though everyone needs food, clothing, and shelter, material possessions beyond the basics do not guarantee joy in life: attitude does. It is no doubt because real problems are so visible



in India that anything not life-threatening becomes a minor inconvenience. And even then, even in the midst of harsh living conditions, joyful spirits shine through. In India happiness is not a magic spell that only works when every condition is perfect; there are many things to be happy about every day.

Nowhere is this more apparent than in the children: their smiles are 1,000 watts. Two children in particular made an impression on me. They wore tattered clothes and had no shoes, but they taught me the meaning of real happiness. They tagged along with us one day for about an hour, holding our hands. They didn't ask us for money, but gently hinted about their bare feet when we went over a puddle. We couldn't do anything but lift them over, two of us taking an arm of each and swinging them over the muck.

Their smiles and laughs were contagious. They swung on us and we played ring-around-the-rosy. We bought them cookies on the sly, hoping we wouldn't be mobbed.

Only one other kid noticed and hung around while we divided up the treat to our two friends. The boys first offered some to us. "No, they're for you," we said. "But maybe you could share with your friend here." And they did, with a generous and loving spirit.

The picture I took of our two friends is hanging on my bulletin board here at school. I try to look at it every day and remember the new definitions I learned in India. Poverty is not a run-down house or a broken-down car. Poverty is a lack of the basics: food, clothing, shelter. But it's also a lack of joy, forgetting to be happy, letting the small stuff get you down. My eight-year-old gurus taught me that. ▶

Eva Kaplan-Leiserson (at right in photo above with Jacqueline Flisher, Tara McKee and friends) spent three weeks in India this January on a study/tour program under the direction of Professor Kevin Brien. She is an English major with a minor in philosophy.

## C O L L E G E   E V E N T S

### April 1

"Reflections on the Provinces and the Evolution of Democracy in Russia." The Conrad M. Wingate Memorial Lecture in History by Dr. Donald Raleigh, Professor of History, University of North Carolina. Sophie Kerr Room, 8 p.m.

### April 5

Early Music Consort, Norman James Theatre, 4:00 p.m.

### April 17

The College Community Chorus performs O PRIMAVERA. Tawes Theatre, 8 p.m.

### April 19

Jazz Band Concert, Norman James Theatre, 4:00 p.m.

### April 24

Baltimore Alumni Chapter Golf Outing, Wakefield Valley Golf Club, Westminster, MD. For more info: 1-800-422-1782, ext. 7812.

### April 26

Chamber Orchestra Concert, Norman James Theatre, 3:00 p.m.

### May 14-17

Alumni Reunion Weekend

### May 17

216th Commencement with *The Washington Post's* Benjamin C. Bradlee as keynote speaker. Campus Lawn, 10:30 a.m.

### June 7-12

Washington College Summer Institute. For more info: 410-810-7272.

### June 12

Alumni chapters from Mardel, Kent & Queen Anne's, Talbot, and Baltimore meet in the bullpen before the Shorebirds game in Salisbury. For more

info: 1-800-422-1782, ext. 7812.

### September 12

Kent and Queen Anne's Chapter Flea Market, Campus Lawn.

### October 10, 1998

Alumni Gala Dinner Dance w/ Bobby and the Braggers, Old South Country Club, Lothian, MD. Mark your calendars now.

## Summer Sports Camps

### June 21-26

WC Swim Camp for Boys and Girls ages 8-14. Costs: \$315 Overnight. Contact: Kim Lessard at 1-800-422-1782, ext. 7241.

### June 26-28

Boy's Basketball TEAM Camp Weekend  
\$145 per camper overnight; \$100 per day camper. Director: WC Head Coach Tom Finnegan. Call 1-800-422-1782, ext. 7228.

### June 28-July 2

Basketball Camp for Boys ages 8-16. \$270 overnight; \$210 day camper; \$260 team & family rate. Contact Brad Campbell at 1-800-422-1782 ext. 7228 or Laneé Cole at ext. 7209.

### June 28-July 2

WC Basketball Camp for Girls ages 9-17. Costs: \$270 overnight; \$210 day camper; \$260 team & family rate. Contact Laneé Cole at 1-800-422-1782 ext. 7209 or Scot Reisinger at 410-810-7105.

### June 21-25

WC Lacrosse Camp for Boys ages 10-18. Costs: \$350 Overnight; \$275 day camper. Director: Washington Head Coach John Haus. Call 1-800-422-1782, ext. 7248.

### July 9-12

Dave Pietramala's Attack/Defense Challenge Lacrosse Camp for Boys ages 12-17. Costs: \$350 Overnight; \$275 day camper. Director: Dave Pietramala (Head Coach, Cornell University). Contact: Bryan Matthews, USA Lacrosse Camps, 410-810-0810.

### July 16-19

Charlie Toomey's Point Blank Goalkeeping Lacrosse Camp for Boys ages 12-17. Costs: \$400 Overnight; \$275 day camper. Director: Charlie Toomey (Head Coach, Severn School). Contact: Bryan Matthews, USA Lacrosse Camps, 410-810-0810.

### July 12-16

USA Lacrosse Camp for Girls ages 12-17. Costs: \$350 Over-

night; \$275 day camper.

Director: Karin Brower (Assistant Coach, Princeton University). Contact: Bryan Matthews, USA Lacrosse Camps, 410-810-0810.

### July 14-17

Point Blank Goalkeeping Lacrosse Camp for Girls ages 12-17. Costs: \$400 Overnight; \$275 day camper. Director: Kim Chorosiewski (Head Coach, University of Richmond). Contact: Bryan Matthews, USA Lacrosse Camps, 410-810-0810.

### July 5-9

WC Soccer Camp for Boys ages 6-17. Contact: Lin Outten at 1-800-422-1782 ext. 7240 or David Bucciero at ext. 7252.

### July 29-August 2

Chesapeake Soccer Camp for Boys and Girls ages 7-18. Directors: Mark Laursen, Head Athletic Trainer at Washington College and former Assistant Soccer Coach at Boston University, and Gerald "Jay" Hall, WC Class of '76. Contact: Mark Laursen at 1-800-422-1782 ext. 7243 or Jay Hall at 301-858-0814.

# meet Shery Kerr



PHOTO: TOM MCCALL

With a gift of \$1.5 million, Shery Kerr sets a fine example for her fellow members of the Board of Visitors and Governors. She chairs the Development Committee.

#### **HOME:**

Easton, Maryland.

#### **PERSONAL:**

Married to Breene M. Kerr; the couple has four children. Enjoys gardening, sailing, reading and her miniature Pinscher companion, Ellie.

#### **PROFESSIONAL:**

President of the Grayce B. Kerr Fund and Executive Vice President, Brookside Company.

#### **DONOR LEVEL:**

The Million Dollar Club of The 1782 Society. Recently, the Grayce B. Kerr Fund announced a \$1 million grant to Washington College. Separately and personally, Shery and her husband Breene have pledged \$500,000.

#### **PROFILE:**

Shery Kerr embodies the highest attributes of a philanthropist: candor, a generous spirit, and personal involvement in the causes she supports. As President of the Grayce B. Kerr Fund, Inc., a private foundation with assets of nearly \$35 million, she oversees the awarding of grants to educational and cultural organizations.

#### **ON HER ASSOCIATION WITH WASHINGTON COLLEGE:**

"I have enjoyed watching the College evolve and have been especially pleased to see how it provides a nurturing, challenging environment for students. The College leadership has a spirit and energy that is so vital for an educational institution. My front row seat on the Board gives me insight to assure alumni and friends that the college is well-managed."

#### **WHY I GIVE:**

"I feel the youth of our country are a valuable asset, to be carefully nurtured. Washington College can continue to play a vital part in preparing future generations for their roles in society. It is our responsibility to protect and ensure the future, as described in the new Strategic Plan. I am proud to be associated with the entity that continues to be faithful to the legacy of George Washington and the College's other founders." ▶